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Debate on taking deadly weapons off streets deferred

BREXIT DELAYS NEW KNIFE LAW

Report by Peter Madeley

TRIBUTES have been paid to two stab victims – as new legislation to tackle the scourge of knife crime was delayed at the last minute.

The latest stage of the landmark Offensive Weapons Bill (OWB) was due to go before the Commons on Monday night in the wake of two more people being knifed to death in the Black Country.

But it was put back to another date so MPs could debate Brexit instead. The aim of the new legislation is for a stricter approach to the sale, delivery and possession of knives.

Richard Helm

The Black Country has been rocked by two more fatal stabbings in recent days, taking the number of people knifed to death across the West Midlands this year to 13.

Richard Helm, aged 37, was killed in Wolverhampton on Friday, and Christopher Harm, 28, was stabbed to death in Brierley Hill the following day.

Mr Helm's family described him as 'a loving son, husband and father to four young children'. "He has been taken from us too soon. We love and deeply miss him so much."

Mr Harm's family said: "A loving son, dad and brother gone so tragically and a family left in pieces forever."

No new date has yet been set for the OWB. The legislation, which follows a Home Office consultation last year, will also address the devastating spate of acid attacks on Britain's streets by introducing a new offence of possessing a corrosive substance in a public place.

It will restrict the sale and delivery of some types of knife, places an outright ban on the possession of so-called 'zombie' knives, and reclassifies certain firearms as 'prohibited weapons'.

Wolverhampton South East's Labour MP Pat McFadden, said: "This is important legislation and I support a crackdown on knife crime."

WINDMILL DESTROYED IN SUSPECTED GAS BLAST

Parts of the road were closed off in case the badly-damaged building collapsed after the explosion

A GAS explosion ripped through a Wolverhampton windmill, tearing out the side of the landmark home.

The homeowner was home and 'lucky to be alive' after escaping the blast at 7.30pm on Saturday evening.

Neighbours rushed outside to his aid after hearing 'a loud boom' and found the top of the windmill, in Windmill Lane, Castlecroft, had completely caved in. The man is believed to be uninjured.

Some living nearby said it sounded like a car crash, it was so loud. One neighbour said she felt he was 'lucky to be alive' after being right in the centre of the explosion.

The incident may be related to the windmill's boiler, according to West Midlands Fire Service. Teams from Cadent Gas were on site after neighbours reported a strong gas smell.

Wolverhampton Council said that part of Windmill Lane on the side closest to Castlecroft Lane would be closed following the gas explosion.

Officials are monitoring the building over concerns it may collapse and fall into the road it overlooks.

Nearby resident Susan Cash said: "The council have been doing a good job since the explosion.

"Workers have been here regularly and good thing too, if it collapses it could fall onto a car or people walking past - my husband walks the dog past there regularly.

"I've been told they need to bring the building down to a safe height so that if it falls it won't fall over the hedge and into the road."

AUCTION

Goodyear plant last remnant to be sold

ONE of the last remnants of the former Goodyear tyre plant in Wolverhampton is to go on the auction block this month.

The old pump house, which served the once huge factory site, goes under the hammer in SDL Auctions Bigwood's October auction at Villa Park.It has a guide price in excess of £225,000.

The Old Pump House is in Wood Lane and backs on to the railway line, with railway cottages next door.

Ron Darlington, senior valuer at SDL Auctions Bigwood, said: "It is three years since Goodyear closed the Wolverhampton factory and the decision to offer the Old Pump House at auction represents the final tying up of loose ends."

SORTING

Royal Mail recruiting 460 festive workers

ALMOST 500 temporary jobs are being created by Royal Mail in Wolverhampton to make sure Christmas cards and gifts are delivered on time.

A similar number of jobs are being created in Birmingham as the company looks to recruit 23,000 temporary staff.

In Wolverhampton, a total of 460 new recruits will start work, with staff urgently needed to process the festive post.

SAVINGS

We can't take any more council cuts

A COUNCIL leader says 'enough is enough' as he insisted the authority could not cope with any more cuts.

Wolverhampton Council bosses announced savings of up to £50 million would be needed over the next five years. Roger Lawrence said something needs to change to avoid inflicting more pain.

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Stars turn out for Duncan dinner

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Strictly speaking I could do better

Warren Bullock

A BLACK Country ballroom star has slammed the BBC's choice of judges on Strictly Come Dancing – and said he would happily step up to the challenge free of charge.

Warren Bullock, who runs Zig Zag Dance Factory in Wolverhampton, claims the 'balance of knowledgeable judging' urgently needs addressing on the popular dance talent show. He said, if BBC producers were open to the idea, he would happily volunteer to give advice to the celebs on a Saturday night.

Warren's comments came after former Blue popstar Lee Ryan was booted off the contest in Sunday's dance-off along with his professional dance partner Nadia Bitchkova. Three out of the four judges voted for Lee to leave, with only head judge Shirley Ballas voting for him to stay over TV star Charles Venn.

Dance teacher Warren, who is also the creator of Channel 5's Baby Ballroom television programme, said: "This is the situation we have on Strictly – one highly qualified Latin and ballroom judge [Shirley Ballas], one ballet dancer [Dame Darcey Bussell], one theatre choreographer [Craig Revel Horwood], and a former backing dancer from Bananarama 80's pop group [Bruno Tonioli]. None of the last three judges have any ballroom or Latin American competing experience or in depth knowledge. They would not be able to even tell you the timing or footwork for any of the basic technique book figures.

"For me it's fine to have one judge from an alternative background but on Strictly we have three out of the four, which this week resulted in all three voting off the superior dancer while saving the couple who were off time and lacking any kind of technique, fooling the judges with lifts and showdance."

500 jobs at risk in latest council cuts

UP to 500 jobs at Wolverhampton Council are at risk and council tax could rise by almost five per cent under cost-cutting plans.

The council must save an extra £11 million on top of the £28.3m worth of agreed savings by the end of 2019/20.

The authority admits it is 'the most significant financial challenge it has ever faced'. It comes after leader Roger Lawrence revealed how the city council will be more than £1 billion in debt in two years time.

Finance bosses have already drawn up £5.4m worth of savings proposals which need to be agreed before the end of March. They include job cuts and a council tax hike and other cost-cutting plans like:

* More resident parking schemes which require neighbours to buy permits to park outside their homes.

* Reviewing the One Stop Toilet – the city centre's only council-run public toilet, which is by the Mander Centre.

* Reviewing the WV Active catering service for the city's leisure centres.

Demand

But that still leaves £6m more cuts to be made before the next financial year.

Councillor Louise Miles, the council's cabinet member for resources, said: "The national picture in terms of Government funding shows no sign of improving and the demand for our services continues to rise. This means we have no choice but to continue to find ways to save money."

The council employs around 4,000 people, but has already lost 2,000 employees over the past eight years. Looking ahead to next year, the council has also proposed raising tax by 4.99 per cent, raising an extra £5m.

This year the tax was increased by 3.99 per cent. A council report estimates savings of up to £50m needed in the next five years.

Councillor Wendy Thompson, leader of the opposition Conservatives in Wolverhampton, said: "We will be examining these cuts extremely carefully."

Neigh horsing around for Paige

Home from home as Tom Dudley, from Bilston, welcomes Paige into his living room

YOU can lead a horse to a bar. . . but you can't buy it a drink. That's what owner Tom Dudley and his six-year-old horse Paige found out earlier this month as the pair went for a drink at The Sir Henry Newbolt in Bilston.

Mr Dudley, from Skemp Close, Bilston, said he and Paige 'wanted a drink' when they were out for a walk in the town centre.

He added: "I was going past the Wetherspoons and I wanted a drink and the horse said she wanted one as well with a 'neigh'. I think she wanted a drop of whiskey to warm her up.

"She was cold so I took her in with me. They were all clapping when I walked in."

The pair were in for the pub for around five minutes but were asked to leave by pub staff. The 62-year-old, who has had Paige for four years, said of his companion: "She comes into my home if it's cold. I'll keep her warm."

Moves to calm fears over new bin service

A COUNCIL press officer has been drafted in to help keep people informed after the controversial switch to fortnightly bin collections.

Wolverhampton Council's official will answer residents' inquiries after the waste management service changes. The new recruit, whose salary has not been disclosed, is set to help calm fears over the fortnightly pick-ups.

Ross Cook, director of city environment, said: "The council has recently taken its waste and recycling service back in-house from a private-sector partner.

"The private-sector partner employed a communications officer and we have mirrored that arrangement on a temporary basis to assist us with the huge undertaking of informing our residents about the bin service changes."

The first set of information packs informing residents about the changes were sent to some homes last week. The switch from weekly collections will be rolled-out in phases from Monday – initially affecting properties in Fallings Park, Heath Town, Wednesfield North and parts of Wednesfield South, Bushbury South and Low Hill.

All houses – excluding flats and apartments – will have fortnightly collections by Christmas in a move expected to save the council £2.4 million a year.

JLS star in court over rape claim

FORMER JLS star Oritse Williams has appeared in court after allegedly raping a fan in a Wolverhampton hotel.

The 31-year-old, who shot to fame with the group on The X Factor in 2008, was escorted out of a private side door by security staff after being granted bail at Walsall Magistrates' Court.

Williams, of Upper Shirley Road, Croydon, south London, allegedly assaulted the woman in a hotel room after a Gorgeous Nightclub gig in December 2016.

Co-defendant Jamien Nagadhana, also 31, from Hounslow, London, was bailed after appearing at the hearing in connection with the incident.

Both men, who spoke only to confirm their details, are due before Wolverhampton Crown Court on November 8.

Museum remembers

RAF Cosford Museum will hold its Service of Remembrance on November 11, led by the station chaplain.

The service will take place in the museum's Hangar 1. Visitors are asked to arrive no later than 10.30am ready for the service to start at 10.45am.

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It's Claire's turn to suffer curse of the high street

CLAIRE'S is considering a raft of British store closures as the troubled fashion accessories chain becomes the latest high street firm to show signs of distress.

The company is believed to be talking to restructuring firms regarding a number of options, one of which is thought to include a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA), a controversial insolvency procedure used to shed under-performing sites.

Claire's has more than 350 stores in the UK and dozens of concessions, according to its most recent accounts. That includes outlets in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre, Walsall, Stafford, Kidderminster, West Bromwich and two at the intu Merry Hill shopping centre.

Control

Hundreds of jobs could be at risk if the chain presses ahead with a CVA.

The news comes just days after the chain's US parent company announced that it had emerged from Chapter 11 protection after filing for bankruptcy earlier this year. Investment funds Elliott Management and Monarch have seized control of the US arm through a painful restructuring.

Claire's could join a growing number of recognisable high street names to scale back its store estate, as consumers increasingly shop online.

MP: Halt plans to close A&E

CITY MP Pat McFadden has backed calls to halt overnight closures of A&E services in Telford amid fears Wolverhampton's emergency department will suffer.

The Wolverhampton South East MP has written to David Loughton, chief executive of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, with concerns closures will increase waiting times at New Cross Hospital.

'Proper fully staffed and resourced' services are needed in both Telford and Wolverhampton, he said.

He added: "A&E services are already under huge strain. We know the A&E department at New Cross, like many in the country, was under severe pressure last winter and now we are heading into winter again."

Man dead in car

A MAN was found dead in a car parked down a Whitmore Reans road. Emergency services were called to Chester Street shortly before 1pm on Sunday, after reports of a man in cardiac arrest inside a parked car.

Leaf-busters to keep trains moving

One of the special leaf-buster trains

SPECIALIST trains will be helping keep passengers moving on the Cross City line this autumn.

Network Rail and West Midlands Railway have also drawn up a revised autumn timetable designed to reduce disruption in and out of Birmingham New Street during morning and evening rush hours.

The four specialist trains, known as leaf-busters, are blasting leaves off the line using high-pressured water jets as part of the annual effort to tackle the widely mocked problem of leaves on the line. The jets are so powerful that if they sprayed one spot on the track continuously, the water would cut straight through the rail.

On the Cross City line alone, nearly a million litres of water will be used to remove leaves from the tracks.

The treatment trains can also apply a gel which increases trains' grip on the tracks in key areas. Sand is also carried on many passenger trains and released in front of the wheels.

The leaf-buster trains will cover more than 6,000 miles en route between Lichfield, Redditch and Bromsgrove, via Birmingham New Street, during the 10-week treatment period. Martin Colmey, current operations manager for Network Rail's London North Western route, said: "Leaves on the line is no joke.

"If we didn't work to remove them, their impact on train passengers wouldn't be funny either. They have the same impact on the railway as black ice does on roads, making it impossible to drive a train normally."

The autumn timetable will operate until December 7.

A normal timetable will operate from 8pm weekdays and at weekends.

City's children among fattest in the country

CHILDREN in Wolverhampton are the fifth fattest in the country – with almost 50 per cent in one area being classed as clinically obese.

Bilston East tops the poll for the city's worst hotspot, with 46pc of 10-11 year-olds dangerously overweight – and the problem is steadily getting worse, say health chiefs.

Blakenhall comes a close second at 44pc. The figures are continuing to rise despite drastic steps to tackle the problem being taken by Wolverhampton Council – including the banning of takeaways within 400 metres of secondary schools, which came into force in October 2017.

Other figures for the city include St Peter's (43pc); Bushbury South and Low Hill; Heath Town (both 42pc); Bilston North (41pc); and Oxley (40pc). Tettenhall Wightwick came out on top with the least amount of overweight or obese Year 6 pupils at 27pc. It is a total of 26.8pc nationally.

Guidance

The figures, supplied by Public Health England (PHE), also revealed that 13.5pc of four to five-year-olds in Wolverhampton were classed as obese – the second highest rate of obesity in reception-age children in the country. Statistics also showed that 21.5 per cent of adults in the city were morbidly obese.

Wolverhampton Council said the problem was an ongoing one but that it was still working hard to provide guidance and support to schools in helping them to tackle the issue.

A council spokesman said: "The council actively encourages the use of PE and Sport Premium funding to increase the breadth of provision of sport and physical activity across the whole school day, widening participation to less traditionally active children.

"This includes improving PE and sports coaching but also involves embedding physical activity into the school day through active travel, active playgrounds and active teaching."

Dr Alison Tedstone, the chief nutritionist for PHE, said: "We need sustained action to tackle poor diets and excess calorie intakes."

Pumpkins are scarily big this year

Youngsters Edward and Thomas Simkin discover something scary in the pumpkin patch

A WARM summer and autumn has seen the 'biggest and best' pumpkins ever for one farm ahead of Halloween.

Richard Simkin, owner of Essington Farm, said: "They do like a warm summer and a warm autumn which they've had and the only downside is that they were not getting enough rain so we had to irrigate the pumpkins through the drought.

"We've got the biggest and best pumpkins we've ever had.

"We grow about six or eight different varieties which will give us pumpkins ranging from the size of a grapefruit up to three or four times the size of a football. You need a wheelbarrow to get them out of the field.

"We also have some white pumpkins. It's only the colour that's the difference.

"We find it's something the children love to do to pick their own out of a field."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man, 42, denies murder charge

A MAN has denied murdering 42-year-old Deniss Buzmakovs in Bilston.

The victim was found at a home in Beckett Street near Bilston Town Football Club with serious injuries on September 9 with police tents set up in the street at the time and neighbours left shocked.

Aleksejs Lusnikovs, also aged 42, who lives in Beckett Street, pleaded not guilty to the charge when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He was remanded in custody and his trial has provisionally been set to start for March 4 next year.

Wolves subway is vandalised

THE Molineux subway – that was given a makeover to mark Wolves' return to the Premier League – has been vandalised.

The passage that links the stadium and the city was decked out in old gold and black. It also adorns faces of Wolves players past and present.

Now, pink paint has been thrown across various points of the wall, including on the image of Ruben Neves, as well as the Wolves logo.

It comes after vandals attacked the statue honouring Sir Jack Hayward at the beginning of September.

Death crash man admits charge

A DRIVER has admitted causing the death of a 23-year-old in the city.

Tyrone Barnes killed front seat passenger Ethan Mornan-Jones when the VW Golf he was driving collided with a BMW X5 on August 22.

He admitted causing death by dangerous driving in Finchfield Road when he appeared at Birmingham Crown Court. He also admitted not having a licence or insurance.

The 28-year-old, from Skidmore Avenue, Wolverhampton, will be sentenced at the court when he next appears on October 26.

Night marks 50 years in showbiz for Reg

ENTERTAINMENT agent Reg Summerfield is marking his 50th anniversary in the business with a variety show at The Emerald Club in Cross Street North, Wolverhampton, on November 2 at 8pm.

It will also mark his recent 80th birthday. Reg has veteran comedian and ventriloquist Mike Dennet from Blackpool on the bill. Mike appeared with Laurel and Hardy on their last tour of the UK when he was only 10.

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COUNTY NEWS

Midlands behind for future skills

PEOPLE in the Midlands and the north are falling behind on skills they need to cope with changes in the workplace, according to a report.

Research by Centre for Cities showed "stark discrepancies" in skills across the country.

Andrew Carter, chief executive, said more flexibility was needed over education funding and a focus should also be put on adult learning.

Mr Carter said: "Automation and globalisation are transforming the world of work but too many people across the country aren't gaining the skills they need to thrive. Urgent and concerted action is needed."

Flood warning alerts – by text

PEOPLE may receive a text message letting them know about flood warnings.

More than 350,000 people across England, including the West Midlands, will be registered to the service from the Environment Agency.

The agency will send texts to people on the Three mobile network who live in areas at high risk of flooding to let them know they have been automatically registered for the warnings.

A spokesperson the Environment Agency said: "Being registered for flood warnings can give people advance notice of flooding and some crucial time to prepare."

Helping music career take off

REGIONAL airline flybmi has teamed up with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire to give students the chance to compose a piece of music for the on-board entertainment systems on its aircraft.

All current music students at the Birmingham City University conservatoire are eligible to enter and will be required to compose a three-minute piece that can be instrumental, contain vocals or a combination of the two.

Housing shortage 'forcing up prices'

HOUSE prices are still rising across the West Midlands, as a lack of new properties on the market forces househunters to pay more.

Prices are growing faster in the West Midlands than anywhere else in the country. The latest survey of chartered surveyors in the region found them in gloomy mood, as the shortage of homes on the market also means the number of sales is falling.

Bid to build cemetery thrown out

A PLAN to create a huge burial ground near Wolverhampton Airport has been thrown out by councillors against greenbelt being ripped up.

A cemetery with space for more than 5,000 plots was earmarked for Bobbington but the proposal has been refused by planning bosses.

It was hoped the move would create much-needed burial space, easing pressure on nearby areas such as Wolverhampton, Stourbridge and Dudley. But planners at Four Ashes Estate, which lodged the application, could now be forced to go back to the drawing board.

The plan for the land north of Six Ashes Road, near Halfpenny Green Airport, was rejected by South Staffordshire Council.

Bosses said the cemetery bid did not meet the 'very special circumstances' needed to build on greenbelt, while there were also concerns it would lead to cars flooding into the village. They said 'insufficient information' had been provided on the impact the burial site would have on roads.

Documents with the plans said the development would cater for present and anticipated shortfalls. within the region' and feature up to 5,200 plots.

A council report outlining the reasons for refusal said: ""The local planning authority has considered the reasons advanced but does not consider that these reasons constitute the very special circumstances required to clearly outweigh the harm to the greenbelt.

"The proposed development would introduce a new burial site in a fairly remote location which would be heavily reliant on car use."

Children's services 'need improvement'

By Megan Archer

HIGH caseloads and difficulties recruiting staff could be to blame for delays in supporting abused children in the city, the education watchdog has warned.

Inspectors from Ofsted revealed they had found areas for improvement during a special visit to Wolverhampton Council's children's services.

It comes after the council's services were deemed 'Good' by the watchdog last year. The report stated that areas of the service had experienced 'significant pressure' in the face of high staff turnover and also difficulty in recruiting and retaining social workers and 'competent' team managers.

Quality

It read: "These have affected the quality of management oversight and direction in several locality teams. Combined with unacceptably high caseloads for social workers in some locality teams, the effectiveness of social work practice has been compromised in some cases."

The Children's Services remain with a Good rating, but Ofsted listed areas that did require improvement.

Emma Bennett, director of Children's Services at the council, said in response: "The letter is a balanced and objective assessment of where services for children in need and those on child protection plans are, with inspectors agreeing with us as to our strengths and weaknesses.

"This inspection rightly focused on the one area of children's services found to require improvement, and the inspectors' findings have helped us determine how far along we are on our improvement journey. The inspectors recognised that our assessment work is generally a strength."

Helping The Haven – one step at a time

Wolfie and walkers gathered at Molineux's North Bank before setting off for The Haven event

A CHARITY is taking on a seven-figure challenge to raise awareness of domestic violence, one step at a time.

The Haven, in Wolverhampton, helps women and children who are suffering from abuse and during Domestic Violence Awareness Month the charity is employing the help of the community to walk one million steps to raise awareness.

A 'One Million Steps for The Haven' event took place on Saturday and saw 80 people walk 5k from Molineux to West Park, taking a detour through the city centre on the way.

The group totalled 425,000 steps on the journey.

Senior community fundraiser at The Haven Jade Secker said: "As its Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, it's important for people to know they cannot combat domestic violence alone, the community support is so important.

"We almost got halfway to our one million steps target and we're really grateful to the Wolves Foundation, Signal 107 and ABC cars for sponsoring us.

"The people turned out despite the weather, the rain held off in the end and we had a lovely autumnal walk. We haven't counted our total money raised yet but whatever it is, it'll help, it was also about raising awareness."

Family is fined after sick child off school

THE parents of a 10-year-old girl have been slapped with a fine for keeping her off school – because she was sick.

Furious Sonia Bullock says she is prepared to go to court after refusing to pay the fine issued by New Invention Junior School in Willenhall.

She insists her daughter Maisie had a 'nasty cold' and had not missed a day this year up to then. The school said it gave the fine because her attendance had fallen below 90 per cent last year, but Mrs Bullock says her daughter was bullied so kept her off for a period. She said her two sons had an impeccable attendance record.

Decide

Mrs Bullock, of Prestwood Road, Wednesfield, felt the headteacher did not believe her daughter was sick and insisted it was down to parents to decide what is best for their children.

Walsall Council, however, has backed the school's decision to dish out the fine. Parents have been fined in recent years for taking children out of school to go on holiday without permission.

Year 6 pupil Maisie was kept off for five days this month and has since returned to school. Mrs Bullock and husband Michael, 41, who are both full-time carers, were told to pay £120 for unauthorised absence. If not paid within 28 days the bill will grow to £256 – but the disgruntled mother says she will not pay.

A Walsall Council spokesman said: "The Department for Education (DfE) sets a national requirement of 90 per cent attendance in all local authority schools.

Young warned on TV licences

ALMOST 440 young people were caught watching live TV or BBC iPlayer without a TV Licence in the past year in Staffordshire.

TV Licensing says that 439 of 18 to 25-year-olds were found not to have a licence and is reminding students they could face prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000 if they are caught.

Recent research shows that the number of students taking a TV to university has risen from 23-27 per cent since last year.

Despite the use of smartphones and tablets, a television is still the most used device for students watching live or recorded TV.

Students in shared houses will also require their own licence if they use a TV or device in their room and have a separate tenancy agreement.

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Bring Games road race to the region – club call

A CYCLING club chairman has urged a council leader to bid for a stake in the Commonwealth Games.

Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club boss David Viner has called on Wolverhampton Council to bid for the Black Country to host the road cycling event at the 2022 games.

Mr Viner said: "There is an acknowledgement that Wolverhampton needs to be part of the games. Using the Severn Valley GP circuit, from Wolverhampton to Birmingham, would make for the best circuit in the West Midlands.

"It has got the continuation of flat roads and beautiful countryside, it has got all of the ingredients of a fantastic event."

The call has been backed by Wolverhampton cycling legend Hugh Porter. He said there was 'plenty of time' left to secure the Black Country's spot in the event. Mr Porter added: "To have the Commonwealth Games in the area would be absolutely phenomenal."

But Councillor Roger Lawrence, the leader of Wolverhampton Council, said: "This is an interesting idea, but plans are most likely already well-advanced by the organisers. I suspect it may be a bit late in the day to change those plans. If requested, we would support the cycling initiative. There will certainly be other opportunities for the city of Wolverhampton around the Commonwealth Games."

Park murder – trial date is set

A 16-YEAR-OLD accused of the murder of schoolgirl Viktoriya Sokolova found dead in West Park, will stand trial in the city on November 26.

The case at Wolverhampton Crown Court is expected to take up to three weeks and will be heard by a High Court judge.

The body of the 14-year-old Lithuanian-born victim was found in West Park after she had been reported missing by her parents.

A post mortem examination concluded she died from blunt force trauma to the head.

The youth, who cannot be named because of his age, has denied murdering Viktoriya between April 10 and 13 this year. He has been remanded in custody.

Santa on the run

RUNNERS dressed as Father Christmas will be running around Wolverhampton's West Park in aid of a charity that supports people with sight loss. The Beacon Centre's third annual Santa Run is on December 2.

Tunisia attack families to sue TUI

Charles, Joel and Adrian

FAMILIES of the Tunisia terror attack victims are suing travel agent TUI after launching legal action.

Thirty British tourists were murdered in the attack – including three members of the same Black Country family.

Legal firm Irwin Mitchell has served formal court papers against TUI on behalf of the families of 22 of the victims.

The case centres on security at the Imperial Marhaba Hotel in Sousse and an alleged lack of travel safety information presented to customers.

At the conclusion of the six-week inquest into the deaths last year, coroner Judge Nicholas Loraine-Smith did reject suggestions 'neglect' by travel companies played any part in the deaths.

But the inquest – which ruled the victims were unlawfully killed – revealed how security guards employed at the hotel were poorly trained and there was limited CCTV coverage. Following the hearing, Suzy Evans, from Wednesbury, said she planned to launch civil action against TUI.

Her 19-year-old son Joel, brother Adrian Evans, from Bilston, and father Patrick Evans, were among the victims. Her youngest son Owen, then 16, survived the attack in June 2015.

Kylie Hutchison, a specialist international personal injury lawyer at Irwin Mitchell, said: "We have now served formal civil proceedings on TUI claiming damages."

A TUI spokesman said: "As this is now subject to legal proceedings it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage except to say we will fully cooperate with the judicial process."

Family gets payout after mother's death

A WIDOWER whose wife died from an undiagnosed blood clot has received a payout from a Black Country hospital.

David Laughton CBE, the chief executive of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust which runs New Cross, has also apologised to Marie Rollason's family after her death in 2015.

The hospital trust has admitted liability and paid out an undisclosed sum to her husband Lee Rollason after an inquest concluded neglect had played a role in Mrs Rollason's death.

The mother-of-two attended A&E at New Cross Hospital on December 19, 2015, after suffering a head injury in a fall at her home in Penn.

She was discharged but then went on to suffer episodes of fainting and a loss of consciousness across the next four days. After collapsing in her GP surgery on December 23, the 43-year-old was taken to New Cross for a second time.

Discharged

She was wrongly discharged after a junior doctor concluded that the results of an ECG test were 'okay'. The junior doctor decided, in consultation with a consultant doctor, that she was fit to go home. But an internal hospital investigation found that she 'would probably have survived' if she had remained in hospital and had the cause of her collapses assessed by a cardiologist.

This did not happen and Mrs Rollason collapsed and died of a pulmonary embolism six days later.

A subsequent inquest heard how Mrs Rollason might have survived if the clot had been detected earlier, with senior coroner Zafar Siddique outlining how the lack of tests to detect the blood clot and the failure to admit her to hospital amounted to 'a gross failure in basic medical care'.

Mr Rollason, 45, recalled how the family, including their two children, Lewis and Owen, aged 19 and 14, had hoped Marie was on the road to recovery following her second visit to hospital.

He said: "When Marie and I heard that her ECG test had come back normal we were hugely relieved and went on to enjoy a really wonderful Christmas. She seemed to be fainting less during that time and we genuinely hoped she had turned a corner.

"Three years on we remain totally devastated at losing Marie and the fact that it could have been avoided remains very difficult to take. While it is welcome that the NHS Trust has apologised, it is simply never going to change what has happened.

"No amount of money will ever make up for what has happened and our primary aim of taking this forward was to ensure that lessons could be learned so no other family faces what we have.

"Marie was my soulmate and I miss her so much – these problems cannot be repeated in the future."

Marie Rollason, with her children Lewis, left, and Owen, died from an undiagnosed blood clot

According to Irwin Mitchell, the solicitors instructed by the Rollason family to take up the case, Mr Loughton has written to Mr Rollason offering his own and the Trust's 'condolences and apologies', saying that action had been taken to 'prevent the same circumstances arising which sadly led to the avoidable death' of Mrs Rollason.

He added: "Your wife failed to receive the standard of care that she was entitled to expect."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Home raided to steal three cars

THREE cars were taken after keys were stolen from a house during a burglary.

Police are investigating the thefts in Long Knowle Lane, Wednesfield.. Thieves gained access to the property and took keys to a Peugeot 205, Renault Clio and Toyota Yaris before driving off with the vehicles. The Clio has since been recovered by officers at Wednesfield Police.

The force tweeted: "If you suspect a car to be stolen use http://isitnicked.com to check for free."

Anyone who has information should call police on 101, quoting 20WV/231082Z/18.

Ashley deal saves another 800 jobs

SPORTS Direct has vowed to create the 'Harrods of the North' after clinching a £95 million deal to buy Glasgow's Frasers building in a move that saves 800 jobs.

More than 2,000 jobs have been secured in 10 days as tracksuit tycoon Mike Ashley seals deals with landlords to keep House of Fraser stores open.

Around 280 work at Wolverhampton's Beatties, where staff were recently told the threatened store had been reprieved, along with 600 workers at the former Rackhams store in Birmingham.

Bosses apologise for race blunder

ORGANISERS of the Pattingham Bell's Run have apologised after a mix-up sent runners around the wrong track.

The race, that took place on Sunday in the south Staffordshire village, was disrupted after a batch of 10k runners were sent the wrong way, meaning they only completed the 5k run instead.

A statement on the race's website said: "We are really sorry about this and unreservedly apologise. This is the first time this has happened in the 30-year history."

World Cup winners in charity fundraiser

WORLD Cup winners Sir Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks will give talks at a charity fundraising evening later this month.

The event at the Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton will be on Thursday, October 25. It will be hosted by ITV broadcaster Charlie Webster and radio presenter Daz Hale and will include a three-course meal and charity auction. Money raised will go to Help for Heroes.

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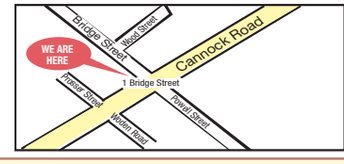

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Frazzled? Yes I am with talk on climate

HERE we go again. A new report, which says temperatures have risen by one degree centigrade since the start of the Industrial Revolution, warns of dire consequences unless we take drastic action.

Now I was a little surprised we are comparing meteorological data with that of the pre-industrial world, mainly because I would have thought it was the Industrial Revolution which gave us the technology to compile such measurements.

While the Industrial Revolution has no official start date, historians seem to regard it as sometime around 1760, or maybe with the start of construction of the Iron Bridge in 1777.

In context, Gabriel Farenheit invented the thermometer in 1714, and the centigrade scale favoured by the climate scientists arrived in 1743. It seems reasonable, therefore, to suggest that climatology was in its infancy during Abraham Darby's day. In which case, one might wonder how accurate this early equipment would be, and whether contrasting today's climate data with that of the mid-1700s is particularly helpful.

Anyhow, no sooner was the ink dry on the report, the usual voices in the London bubble started lecturing us how we must radically change our lifestyles if we are not to be frazzled like barbecued bacon. A writer in The Guardian told us to stop eating meat – or beef and milk at the very least. And, of course, use public transport to get to work.

Always eager to oblige, I went on to the excellent Network West Midlands Journey Planner website to plot my new commute. Choosing the fastest, rather than the greenest option – sorry, but we've all got to start somewhere – it calculated that to arrive at my desk for 8.30am, I would need to leave home at 5.06am. The journey involves two buses, one train, and 38 minutes walking between various points.

This is instead of a normal 45-60 minute drive in the car, depending on roadworks. It seems to me that if the powers-that-be want to reduce the carbon footprint of my journey to work, there are two options.

They could build an HS3 line through Himley, Wombourne, Trysull and Pattingham, but I suspect this would be neither popular nor environmentally friendly.

Or they could spend a bit on widening the roads – maybe even removing a few bus lanes? – so those of us with no choice but to use our cars spend less time belching out fumes while stuck in traffic. This won't satisfy the desires of The Guardian's hair-shirt brigade. But it might just make our air cleaner.

After 50 years of booze and bawdiness, it will soon cease

Gwyneth Paltrow – on a radio interview she seemed to have become a croaker

Melania Trump – got some flak during her Africa trip for wearing a pith helmet

Susannah Constantine in Strictly Come Dancing did not get praise from columnist

18-30 hols: Well cop a load of this!

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IT is easy to rubbish Labour's suggestion of replacing the standard five-day week with a four-day week. But I once worked in an office where they operated a nine-day fortnight. It meant every alternate weekend was a long weekend. The system was popular and worked well, although we all suspected that, no matter whether it was a four or five-day week, we still worked the same number of hours.

SO farewell, Club 18-30. After 50 years of booze and bawdiness, the brand will soon cease operating. I have a certain fondness for it because, back in 1981, my very first freebie was with 18-30 to Majorca. The company wisely put the press party far away from the debauchery, in a four-star hotel. Each day we were taken out to see the 18-30 holidaymakers disporting themselves. The lads were laddish but it was the tipsy, predatory women that came as a surprise. The ringleader, a big, noisy lass, was barely off the airliner before she went both topless and legless. In journalistic mode, I asked what attracted her to a Club 18-30 holiday. "That," she leered, pointing straight at the crotch of a passing lad. Where was she from? "Nottingham." And what did she do for a living? "Police officer."

THE march of AI (artificial intelligence) goes on, with computers making ever-smarter predictions about human needs. I recently ordered a small cushion on eBay. The computers digested this information and quickly posted a "You may like" message. Based on my order of a cushion, eBay suggested I might also like to buy: a pair of stabiliser wheels for a child's cycle, a buffing kit for polishing car wheels, a device for stretching an artist's canvas, a digital automatic fish-food dispenser, a fancy-dress bow tie, four reusable eyebrow shaping stencils and a bow for playing a cello. Uncanny, innit?

I WROTE in June about "vocal fry," the US fad for women to adopt a croak-speak, where the end of every sentence trails off into something resembling a frog's voice. It's been some time since I heard the star who spoke with such crystal-clarity in the 1998 movie, Shakespeare in Love. I caught a radio interview with her this week and have to report, with much sadness, that Gwyneth Paltrow has become a croaker.

A SPECIAL Battle's Over beacon to erect in your garden to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, has been unveiled. I was intrigued by the maker's claim about the gas-fired beacon: "Afterwards, it can be stored and used for future events." What, like the end of the Third World War?

THE unstoppable march of Yankslang continues. In that bible of middle England and English values the Daily Mail, no less, a columnist declares that Susannah Constantine in Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1) "couldn't have gotten much worse." No, indeedy.

MELANIA Trump, the President's wife, got some flak during her Africa trip for wearing that symbol of colonialism, a pith helmet. It's so hard to keep up with politically-correct headgear, isn't it? It's not just the colonial issue. By wearing a hat developed principally by British and French settlers Melania, a Slovenian, was also guilty of cultural appropriation, as she would be if she decided to wear a Mexican sombrero. As it happens, I have a pith helmet. Thankfully, it is not a colonialist pith helmet. I bought it in Vietnam where the Viet Cong guerillas fighting the Americans adopted the helmets worn by their former colonial masters, the French. So mine is not only an anti-colonial helmet but an anti-American helmet, too. As politically-correct Leftie fashion goes it is right up there with a Che Guevara T-shirt or a Palestinian keffiyeh scarf, as worn by Jeremy Corbyn fans everywhere.

CHANCELLOR Philip Hammond promised to raise the threshold at which we start paying income tax to £12,500 from 2020. This would have put an extra £130 a year in every basic rate taxpayer's pocket. Now, faced with an NHS cash crisis there is talk of scrapping the promise. So instead of getting an extra £2.50 a week which we'd hardly notice, collectively we'll be giving our hospitals and nurses an extra £2 billion a year. Now the strange part. In poll after poll, the Brits nobly declare they would gladly support tax rises to help the NHS. Yet now it's happening, you wouldn't believe the whingeing.

TALKING POINT

Fans with something to shout about . . .

It's their secret weapon and it definitely works. Well not exactly secret as most weeks it is deafening. I refer to . . . Wolves football fans.

During the club's recent success they have – from the manager down – attributed their attitude, play and determination to the strong support of the Molineux faithful. The many loyal fans who have stuck by them through the bad times – and there have been plenty of those in the recent past – and now to days back into the big time.

In fact Wolves fans have been named as the loudest of all, according to recent statistics released by an American expert. The team's supporters have sent out a message to the rest of the league when they arrive in Wolverhampton – Come On, Feel The Noise.

And that won't be difficult to believe for anyone who has been inside a raucous Molineux on a Saturday afternoon. So the feel-good factor surrounding the club has transferred to the stands. And why not?

OK I know I am biased being a Wolves fan – not a real supporter as my Chesterfield-suppporting colleague points out, as if I was I would put my money where my mouth is and pay money to watch the team, whatever the weather – point taken I suppose. His take is that the noise has risen from all the 'fans' who have jumped on board the Premier league bandwagon. Sounds like sour grapes to me – after all which division are Chesterfield are in again?

Boss Nuno and his players remarked on the difference playing in front of a partisan crowd can make. Nuno said: "Our fans are special and we appreciate it."

And captain Conor Coady has reinforced that. In fact I am sure he would love to shout his thanks to all the fans – from the rooftops. And it's not just in the stands and on the pitch where the feel-good factor has shone out. For all those people who watched the Championship-winning parade bus travel through Wolverhampton and went to the following party in the park it was awe-inspiring. Something that all the fans – and those who maybe for financial or other reasons – do not get to see all the matches a chance to see the players and rejoice. Evidently, this has a positive knock-on effect for the rest of the city, too.

I was present in Queen Square for the Championship celebrations and the noise was also deafening. Names called out, songs sung and a lovely warm feeling that swept the whole city along. Why would you want to keep quiet about that?

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£12.5m skills centre aims to boost industry

A MULTI-million pound skills centre has officially been launched in the Black Country in a boost to the manufacturing industry.

The £12.5 million Black Country Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills (ECMS) is now open in Wolverhampton, and aims to help better train employees across the region.

Dedicated training centres are also now open across the Black Country, working with businesses to help provide employees with new expertise and train new apprentices in metal-forming skills.

The ECMS Hub, based at the University of Wolverhampton's £100 million regeneration project at the former Springfield Brewery, is an employer-led training facility for the region.

It is designed to build on the Black Country's renowned industrial heritage by providing specialist training, short courses and apprenticeships to upskill the current and future workforce.

Strategic

Ian Fitzpatrick, chief executive at the ECMS, said the new centres will deliver 'world class training' using 'world class equipment'.

He added: "This is a key strategic project for the Black Country which links further education and higher education with local, regional and national employers.

"It's well known that the manufacturing industry has an ageing workforce and that bespoke training courses – specifically matching industry requirements – can be difficult to source.

"We have listened carefully to what the industry needs, and together with our partners, we have designed manufacturing facilities equipped with world class equipment and where world class training will be delivered by some of the finest technical experts in the business."

Bully: Pledge pound for Zac

Steve Bull with Zac and his new shirt

WOLVES legend Steve Bull has backed brave four-year-old Zac – and he wants all his fans to do the same.

The former striker met with Zac outside Broseley Cricket Club and the pair even had a little kick-about. Zac, from Broseley, near Bridgnorth, has an extremely rare form of childhood leukaemia called Near Haploid, and needs to travel for specialist treatment unavailable on the NHS.

People across the county have come together to raise more than £288,000 – more than half of what is needed to get him to America.

"It was the first time meeting him and he's a lovely little lad," Bully said. "If we can give him support, let's get on board."

Bully put out a plea to all Wolves fans.

"We want to get something out there to Wolves supporters, pledge a pound, get Zac to America as soon as possible.

As well as getting to meet the Wolves legend, the club also gave Zac his very own shirt.

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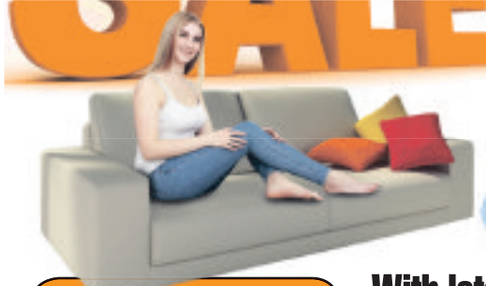

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Sad irony over this race switch

WHILE jogging I saw many people enjoying the autumn sunshine on the Smestow Valley Railway Walk. Among the cyclists and dog walkers there were ultra-marathon runners on a 32-mile circular off-road race from Baggeridge Country Park through Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley.

The run was 99 per cent on tracks and canal towpaths. It struck me that if such a traffic-free route can be devised for leisure, our council working with parents and community groups could find traffic-free routes to protect our children from the effects of air pollution from exhaust fumes.

The sad irony is that this ultra-marathon run will not be 99 per cent off-road in future. A road will cross the Railway Walk to give access to houses to be built. Routes to school at present traffic-free could similarly disappear.

JOHN ROWLEY
Wolverhampton

Thanks for aid on failed MOT

I recently wrote in about the MOT and how I had to leave my car at the garage as it failed. This could have cost a lot, depending what was needed to resurrect the 21-year-old engine, but it also failed on safety.

Although disappointed at the time, I have to face the facts. Not letting me drive it home on the public roads, did me a favour. The garage owner could have said 'go on, take it home, that's your funeral' and it could have been. He kindly offered to call in the scrap dealer, and handled paperwork to DVLA saying the car was off the road.

One reader who saw my letter phoned the paper, with advice, and the number was passed to me. Thank you, the gent from Featherstone, who knows about this sort of thing?

MR G GRIFFITHS
Bilbrook

Why is cost of living in UK high?

WE have all been looking forward to the October Budget with bated breath to see how the Chancellor will screw the taxpayer further in order to afford its manifesto promises given for votes.

Perhaps this is an opportunity to examine the high cost of living here in the UK. Why is it so? Reduced tax levies have proven to increase tax revenue as a matter of course.

Why then are we paying too much tax? At the last count, families on the bottom are paying 27 per cent tax on their disposable income.

Government intervention is one of the main reasons why the cost of living is so high and why many households are struggling.

Therefore, if we want to reduce the financial hardships the answer is not more Government action.

No party has yet mentioned the £39 billion Brexit dividend we get to keep after leaving or the £98bn EU benefits from trading with the UK. Why?

Take note Mr Hammond.

MR M COOPER
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Shameful lack of drug action

A recent comment column highlighted the violent origin in Columbia of the cocaine explosion in the West Midlands. The article claims consumers of this drug would be shocked if they knew the full story of it. No. They are only concerned about getting their next fix.

The people who are really concerned, are those who live in areas blighted by the drug trade and its associated criminality across Wolverhampton and other towns.

Successive governments have failed to deal with the cause and effects of the drug industry and the lack of police resources and a broken criminal justice system will ensure it remains a growing and highly lucrative industry. A shameful legacy of ineffective government.

MIKE CRUMP
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HERE we go again, Wolverhampton Council wants to save £2.4m. Great idea, get our public to pay £35 a year for a new purple bin. Why can't they keep green bins?

Also if you want to opt out of paying, they want you to use the green bin as a water butt.

Do not think this will happen, or are they going to pay for everyone's conversion kits. Also are they going to fetch all green bins back that you don't want? I think not.

Are they going to open up Shaw Road tip seven days a week, for all the queuing people returning their bins?

The survey showed 80 per cent of public did not want the change. I think the council should listen more to all who pay council tax.

KIM BELL
Pendeford

You don't have to be rich to get off on a technicality

THERE are now only three magistrates courts left in the Black Country. Ten years ago, the same area had at least 10, but that is not really my point.

Cases as simple as shoplifting are routinely dismissed because the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has failed to disclose evidence to the defence, the evidence has been lost or a witness has failed to turn up at court.

In many cases, the defendant may only have to confirm identity and address before the lawyer (who may be on a basic Legal Aid fee) may successfully have the case against his client dismissed on what is described as a 'technicality'.

But remember, procedures are there to be followed for good reasons, including that the innocent may not be found guilty.

I would never suggest that the reason for evidence being lost is that it may show that a motorist was doing 49mph on a 50mph road, however, evidence is needed to prove guilt.

The defendant is entitled to have the evidence that the CPS are using in good time before the court hearing so that a defence may be presented (or an early guilty plea entered). You don't have to be a millionaire or have a 'slick' lawyer to 'get off on a technicality', it happens every day to ordinary people not just the celebrities.

DAVID STEELE
Wolverhampton

Being GP not the problem

ROGER Watts is probably right thinking Liam Fox is far from qualified to be International Trade Secretary.

However, Fox being a GP does not automatically disqualify him. There are maybe hundreds of people born without legs and who are, although unable to play, experts on the subject of football.

Mr Watts seems to equate being a Tory with being corrupt and/or incompetent. Some are; some not. Labour is similar.

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Hospital cash boost will help with A&E demand

Greg marks shop relaunch

Paralympic athlete Greg Silvester ready to cut the ribbon

A CO-OP store has re-launched following a £525,000 investment.

Paralympic athlete Greg Silvester, from Tettenhall, and pupils from Tettenhall Wood Special School marked the launch of the store in High Street, Tettenhall. Greg previously won a gold and two bronze medals at Special Olympics GB National Summer Games in 2009 for table tennis.

The new-look store will offer an enhanced in-store bakery, a Costa coffee dispenser and hot food, along with other products.

Liz Web, Co-op area manager, said: "We are delighted to have had the opportunity to carry out such a significant investment in Tettenhall, we are really looking forward to welcoming members and customers into their new-look Co-op."

NEW CROSS hospital is to get a funding boost to help it cope with an influx of patients due to the overnight closure of an A&E department 20 miles away.

The hospital in Wolverhampton could be compensated to help it manage with an increase in patients coming from Telford.

Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust (SATH), which runs the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, has revealed it will lose around £3.5 million in funding from Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

That money will instead go to New Cross and Royal Stoke Hospital, where patients will be diverted, to mitigate the impact on demand. Concerns have been raised that extra patients coming from Shropshire will put added strain on New Cross.

Strain

It was recently revealed that one in six patients wait longer than four hours at Wolverhampton's A&E, which is already under increased strain due to taking extra patients from Stafford's County Hospital.

Bosses at the Wolverhampton hospital said it was not yet clear how much money the hospital would receive but that discussions were ongoing with health officials.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross, said it was drawing up an emergency plan to ensure staff will be able to cope with the increase in patients.

A spokeswoman said said that suspending overnight A&E services at the Princess Royal Hospital would have an impact on the Emergency Department at New Cross.

"Our first priority is that our staff are fully supported. As discussed at SATH's Trust Board, we will work with SATH, the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and the surrounding organisations on a comprehensive plan before an ambulance divert is implemented."

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The Kitchen Goes to War exhibition is part of Staffordshire's plans to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War.

Now at Perton library, the project explored why rationing was introduced during the First World War, how it worked and how families on the home front were encouraged to 'do their bit' for the war effort.

Using everyday domestic objects from the county's archive and museum collections, along with records from the past like rationing books and newspaper clippings, children will experience and learn about what life was like in a fun hands-on way. When rationing was introduced for the first time, it brought the impact of the war straight into the domestic lives of families back at home.

Volunteers Evelyn Slater and Mikey Roberts with library assistant Matt Wells

Gill Heath, Cabinet Member for Communities at Staffordshire County Council said: "This is a really fun project that's going down well with children right across the county."

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Worried pupils 'are not sure where to turn'

ONE in 10 children say they have no-one to talk to – or would not talk to anyone in school – if they felt worried or sad, a survey has found.

The poll of 1,323 pupils, aged between 10 and 15, were asked how feeling worried or sad affected their wellbeing.

Thirty-eight per cent said it caused them difficulty going to sleep, while more than a quarter said it caused them to struggle with doing their homework.

Commissioned by the Mental Health Foundation (MHF), the YouGov survey also found 27 per cent said they got into fights or arguments, with the same number saying they did not want to be around others.

It comes as the charity launches its Make It Count campaign to ensure every child in the UK receives an education with mental health at its heart.

Dr Antonis Kousoulis, associate director at MHF, said: "Our survey provides shocking further evidence of the growing crisis in the mental health of children.

"Nearly half a million children in the country have no-one to speak to at school when they are experiencing feelings of sadness or worry. That is plainly unacceptable.

"We believe that many mental health problems are preventable. But for prevention to work for children, changes need to take place in our schools, from primary level upwards."

Car is badly damaged after crash into tree

A CAR was badly damaged when it crashed into a tree in Wolverhampton. Emergency services were called to the scene at around 9.30am on Sunday.

The car had smashed into a tree on the junction of Paget Road and Tettenhall Road. There were no reports of serious injuries but the passenger side appeared to have been ripped off in the accident.

The Duncan Edwards tribute dinner was held at the Copthorne Hotel, to mark 60 years since his death following the Munich air disaster

Halesowen Town President Colin Brookes with daughter club chairman Karen Brookes

Duncan's relatives with Manchester United representatives including former star player Nicky Butt, United's head youth coach

Relative Gordon Edwards at the dinner with former Wolves, Villa, Preston and Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty

Steve Bull with the Duncan Edwards book written by Jim Cadman and Iain McCartney

Manchester United apprentice Dermot Mee with coach Nicky Butt, representing Duncan's former club

Stars join tribute to a legend

FORMER players, friends and family came together to celebrate the life of Black Country football great Duncan Edwards at a tribute dinner.

From his Dudley roots to his championship winning days with Manchester United as a member of the Busby Babes and England caps – the event paid homage to his lasting legacy. Among the guests for the dinner at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill were former Wolves, Villa, Preston and Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty and West Bromwich Albion captain and Welsh International Graham Williams.

They were joined by Manchester United coach Nicky Butt, Wolves legend Steve Bull and Halesowen Town Football Club president Colin Brookes, a former United apprentice.

Mr Docherty said: "This is a wonderful tribute to a wonderful footballer and most of all a wonderful man. He was the greatest player I played against and that was in an era of some fantastic footballers."

Mr Williams, who served in the army at the same time as Duncan, said: "He was a fantastic footballer who just seemed so big and powerful. I was a confident player and frightened of no-one but I couldn't see how I could match up to him.

"This a wonderful tribute to him and as a West Brom man I hope the Black Country is truly proud of as they say today, 'one of our own'."

School friends were at the celebration dinner as well as some of his relatives. Jim Bradley, who attended Priory Primary School with Duncan, said: "He was a great bloke who was never boastful but could easily have been because he was such an amazing footballer.

"Sadly, we never got to know how good he might have been as he was taken from us too soon but we'll never forget him."

A new book, Black Country Boy to Red Devil, pays homage to Edwards.

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Heart-shaped walk in memory of brother

A WOMAN who lost two brothers to suicide led a march to raise awareness of mental health issues.

Catrina Sprio organised a heart-shaped route around Wolverhampton collecting more than £2,500 on the way for the mental health charity MIND.

Catrina Sprio with

The walk, which formed part of the build-up to World Mental Health Day, was a personal response to the death of her brother Mitchell Aston who took his own life six years ago, aged 30.

She said: "He suffered from post traumatic stress disorder brought on by grief after the death of our brother several years ago but nothing was ever diagnosed. Whenever I refer to my brother in writing I use a blue heart emoji, so when I had the idea for this march I decided to choose a route as best as I could in the shape of a heart."

Catrina was 21 when her 23-year-old brother ended his life by suicide after breaking up with his girlfriend. Four months later her eldest brother died in a car accident.

The family were heartbroken but gradually emerged from their grief. However, her younger brother withdrew from the world and lost motivation for life until finally taking his own in 2012.

Catrina has written a book, Behind My Smile, about her painful journey through personal tragedy and how she emerged smiling. She also continues to raise cash and awareness about mental health.

Catrina Sprio(left) with friends and supporters before setting off from the Molineux

Supporter

The fitness and activity co-ordinator led a group of friends and supporters from Molineux up to Claregate and through Tettenhall, Merry Hill and Warstones before ending in the Hogshead pub in the city centre, which has been a big supporter of the cause.

She raised the money by designing scratchcard-style raffle cards and asking businesses, pubs, tearooms and schools to sell them to employees and colleagues.

She said: "The idea was that it would also raise the conversation about mental health so that people are able to talk about it and don't feel so isolated."

A sold-out event at the Goodyear Pavillion on Stafford Road in August raised around £3,000 for the charity. A Just Giving page has raised more than £3,700.

The 40-year-old from Oxley also has Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts under the logo Behind Cat's Smile. She has organised a pamper evening at the Nick Davies salon in Tettenhall for tonight and later this month she will embark on a 26-mile dawn to dusk hike in Cornwall. Her aim is to raise £10,000.

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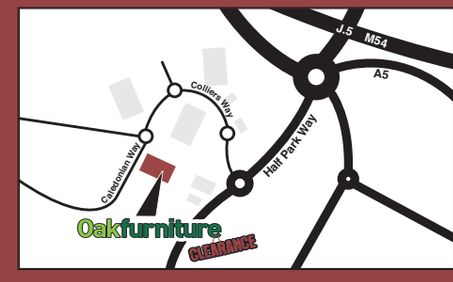

Advice on offer over cutting energy bills

AN MP is on a mission to cut energy bills for his constituents. Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden is to host his annual utilities advice day in Bilston.

Representatives from energy providers will be on hand to offer free advice to residents about how they can save cash this winter.

Mr McFadden said: "I know some people fear using their heating as much as they should because of the cost. I want my constituents to have the best energy bill deal possible and that's why I have organised another annual utilities advice day."

Residents wanting cheaper gas and electricity bills can join the event tomorrow (Friday) at Church Street's Bilston Town Hall from 10am until noon.

Visitors can bring their bills with them to get guidance on which tariffs are best for them.

Brave four set out on Everest challenge to boost charity pot

By Luke Bartlett

THIS brave team of four have embarked on their epic 11-day journey. Promise Dreams founder Suresh Bawa, his son Arran, Neil Taylor, and Tom Hatton are on a mission to scale 17,600 feet above sea level for charity.

The Black Country and Staffordshire boys will battle their way to the world-famous Everest Base Camp in efforts to raise money for Wolverhampton charity Promise Dreams and Birmingham Children's Hospital. Mr Taylor, landlord of The Fox at Shipley, confirmed the group – who are backed by Wolves legend and Promise Dreams patron Steve Bull – had arrived safe and sound in Nepal.

From Kathmandu, the group then took an eight-seater plane on to Lukla airport to start the journey to Everest Base Camp.

The group originally set out to raise £30,000 for the chosen causes, but have since amassed a staggering £32,531. It's a challenge that comes as part of Arran Bawa and Tom Hatton's 21st birthday celebrations.

Suresh, from Wolverhampton, had previously said he thought the group faced a challenge in the altitude and walking 10 hours a day.

The mammoth task comes after months of training.

Arron Bawa and Tom Hatton, with Suresh Bowa and Neil Taylor

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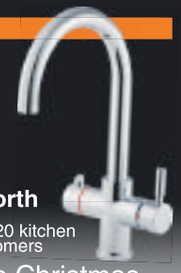

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Drug driver gives false name – but can't spell it

By Simon Stone

A DRUG-driver from Wolverhampton gave a false name to police after causing a high-speed smash on the M6 – but then struggled to spell it.

Suspicious officers found Thomas Jones had taken cocaine and cannabis when they arrested him after the crash near Carlisle, Cumbria, on February 10.

The city's crown court heard an electrician was driving his work van at between 65-75mph in early evening darkness. "He was suddenly struck to the right side of his vehicle by a silver BMW driven by Jones, the defendant," said prosecutor Gerard Rogerson.

Thomas Jones

The van careered into the central reservation, smashed into a barrier and then rebounded into the vehicle 23-year-old Jones was driving. The BMW stopped 50 metres up the motorway, but when the victim saw Jones and a passenger unloading items from the car he contacted police.

Suspicious

"Jones identified himself to police as Anthony Macaulay. They were suspicious because it took him several attempts to spell his own name, and he was arrested," said Mr Rogerson.

A drug wipe test proved positive. Jones was found to have cocaine and cannabis in his system. His aggression towards officers was such that it was almost 12 hours before they were able to establish his correct identity.

The other motorist was left injured, later needed physiotherapy and had assessed the cost of damage to his vehicle and items inside as more than £3,600. He estimated Jones had been travelling at "something like100mph".

Jones, of Browning Crescent, Wolverhampton, admitted perverting the course of justice, three counts of driving with the proportion of a specified drug above the limit and three other offences. These were careless driving, driving without due care and attention and no insurance.

The court heard Jones had received a six-year prison sentence in 2013 for aggravated burglary, and was on licence when he committed crimes in Cumbria.

His barrister, Kim Whittlestone, spoke of personal difficulties and debts, and the fact he has been "heavily addicted" to substances but added that Jones now worked for a plastering business and was drug-free.

"He has really shown he can be an upstanding member of the public," she said.

Jones was jailed for eight-months and he must serve a 12-month driving ban when released.

MP launches design challenge for pupils

MP Emma Reynolds has launched her annual Christmas card competition. The Wolverhampton North East MP has written to all primary schools in her constituency, urging them to design a card illustrating what Christmas means to them.

Last year's winner, Isabelle Moorhouse from Elston Hall Primary School, saw her design sent to hundreds of people across the country. The deadline for entries is November 2, with the MP promising to visit the successful schools to personally present the winners with a special prize.

Ms Reynolds said: "I'm usually sent hundreds of entries, and judging the best ones is always difficult, but I can't wait to see what the children of Wolverhampton have in store."

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Old factory site bought to house 150 homes

A DEVELOPER has bought the land for two housing estates on the site of a factory which has been demolished.

Linden Homes will build 150 homes on the former site of the Armitage Shanks Tap Works factory off Showell Road in Low Hill, Wolverhampton, and adjoining land off Fifth Avenue and Broome Road.

The development – to be called Tap Works in homage to the site's history – will comprise a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes. It takes the place of the old factory on Showell Road, which closed its doors in 2007.

An extra 77 homes will be built at a separate development off Great Brickkiln Street, near the Tower and Fort Works industrial estate in Graiseley.

They will include a mix of two to five-bedroom properties.

Linda Huntington, head of sales for Linden Homes West Midlands, said: "We are delighted to be working alongside Wolverhampton Council to deliver these two significant projects in the city and provide much-

By Megan Archer

needed new housing. We are looking forward to using our expertise to unlock the potential of these two brownfield sites for residential development.

The developments in Wolverhampton form part of wider regeneration work going on throughout the city. Further projects include a £132 million investment in local transport services and new office and retail space creating up to 2,250 jobs in the city.

A total of 40 of the homes will be sold as council houses for rent, with the remainder as market housing.

Deputy leader of the council Peter Bilson said it was an 'exciting' time for the house building in the city."

Student is architect of her own success

Tweedale's managing director Terry Reynolds presents Samukeliso with her award

AN outstanding student has won an award for her high-quality architectural design work.

Samukeliso Mafa received the prize during her graduation ceremony at Wolverhampton university. The prize is awarded annually by Tweedale, a leading architects practice based in Tettenhall.

Samukeliso, who recently graduated from the BSc Hons interior architecture and property development course with a first class degree, said receiving the Tweedale Prize for Architectural Design was the cherry on the cake.

"It was a couple of weeks ago when I found out I had won and I was really pleased – I wasn't expecting it at all," she said. "Our final year project was focussed on the existing HSBC bank in Wellington, Telford.

"The client was the Clifton Project, which also judged the architectural award. I chose to do a restaurant with exhibition space and offices."

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Find out more on our Facebook page MHA-Waterside-House. Waterside House has a five-star food rating with fresh home-made meals and deserts daily.

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An open day is due to be held at Waterside House tomorrow (Friday) from 10am onwards so come and see for yourself. No appointments necessary. Refreshments will be available on the day.

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Marston's is toasting the hot summer

MARSTON'S says the summer heatwave and a surge in pubgoers during the World Cup helped deliver a record annual profits haul.

The Wolverhampton-based beer and pubs giant said it is expecting to report underlying pre-tax profits of about £104 million for the year to September 29, up 3.9 per cent on the £100.1 million posted the previous year.

Marston's – which also owns the Two For One chain and employs around 1,000 at its Chapel Ash headquarters and brewery – said trading was boosted by a jump in drinks sales during the hot weather and World Cup, which helped like-for-like sales rise 0.6 per cent in its managed and franchised pubs over the year.

Pub sales lifted 1.6 per cent in the final 10 weeks.

University link up with ambulance service is a first

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service is set to become the first ever University NHS Foundation Trust in the country.

A consultation will be held by the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust over the planned changes, which would only affect its name to mark its partnership with the University of Wolverhampton.

Sir Graham Meldrum, chairman of the trust, said: "Our work with the universities is producing tangible benefits for the trust, our staff and ultimately benefits our patients. We are therefore planning to introduce the title of 'university' into the organisation's name.

Research

"The trust works in partnership with universities to further develop education, training and research opportunities that take the ambulance sector into the future.

"This exciting development allows us to articulate our position in the ambulance sector going forward. We have a significant role to play in the education and training of our current and future workforce, contribute to the research and evidence base to develop the paramedic profession, and extend our understanding of the urgent and emergency care needs in the pre-hospital environment."

The cost of the implementation of the new name will be 'minimal' as the trust will not be rebranding its fleet or buildings. An agreement will be signed to use the title 'university' in the trust name if the consultation is positive.

Way ahead is strictly business

YOUNG female leaders of the future were given food for thought during an inspirational workshop.

Award-winning author Kit de Waal and broadcaster Vick Hope were welcomed by more than 40 teenage girls at Wolverhampton's The Way Youth Zone. The special evening saw youngsters chill out on bean bags while munching popcorn and pizza during the empowering talk.

The guests delved deep into their backgrounds, revealing the trial and tribulations of climbing to the top of their careers.Teenagers quizzed the duo during a question and answer session after the guests shared advice for breaking into the industry.

Ms Hope is competing on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.

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Wipers a window into past

Wipers Times, Birmingham Rep

IT'S not the stiff upper lip, it is the ability to chortle in the face of danger that got the average Tommy through the horror of the trenches, suggests Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's play The Wipers Times. It is based on the true story of a First World War comic newspaper produced on a battered printing press in Flanders by a couple of non-commissioned officers, plus a sergeant who had been a printer in civvy street, with contributions from soldiers.

Hislop sees in the Wipers Times (name from mispronouncing Ypres) a similar irreverent brand of humour as that in his own publication, Private Eye, and on the TV show he co-captains, Have I Got News For You.

The story is presented on a sandbagged and barbed wired trench-like set, where the story of the newspaper's survival in the midst of war is punctuated with musical hall style skits based on the original jokes from 1916 to 18, along with the comic songs favoured by the soldiers. There is a strong ensemble performance, though particular credit should go to James Dutton as editor Captain Roberts and George Kemp as his sub-editor Lieutenant Pearson.

There were poignant moments but a sense of humour could not be defeated. It is a source of pride that whilst 'the Hun' sang a 'Hymn of Hate', the Tommies responded with jokes about sausages. The play has now moved to London.

Leon Burakowski

Back due to demand – War Horse is wowing audiences at Birmingham Hippodrome

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First World War special

War Horse, Birmingham Hippodrome

The National Theatre's acclaimed West End play, War Horse, has thundered back onto the stage at Birmingham Hippodrome.

This epic tale of friendship and loss has consistently broken records since its debut in 2007 and was most adapted for the big screen by Steven Spielberg.

Set in a pastoral Britain, it sets the scene in an almost whimsical way. A young and impressionable Albert is gifted a headstrong foal with whom he forms an exceptional bond. This is all shattered, however, when the horse is later sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France during war's outbreak.

Based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, this rings true to many events that surrounded this terrible time. Indeed around eight million horses died as a direct result of the war, especially in the early stages such as the Battle of Marne in 1914 with real horse power not match for heavy artillery.

The life-sized horse puppets are clearly a huge draw. The Handspring Puppet Company employs incredible skill in the creation of these props but it's the choreography that provides the magic.

Along with the fluidity of the mechanics, all three operators bring the animals to a living, breathing reality. One would be forgiven for forgetting this was a wooden shell adorned with cloth.

Other props were used sparingly and the interaction almost touched on the delicacy and intent of contemporary dance. Clever use of space and lighting provided an expansive backdrop of which this terrible war was fought. War Horse is unforgettable story is of a long lost innocence.

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Familiar maybe but Pigot is still the one of choice

IT'S been just over a year since I reviewed the Pigot Arms in Pattingham.

So much has happened in that time, our daughter has got married and we have inherited two more grandsons.

So many changes, but one thing that does stay consistent, the quality of the Pigot food. In fact it just gets better. And it's all good value too with so many deals on offer.

Our children grew in up in this lovely village on the Staffordshire/ Shropshire border and not far from Wolverhampton. They spent many a night drinking there with friends before they settled down with children of their own. Then it was family meals.

Busy

So it is so nice that our daughter, who lives a good 70 miles away, when available, heads home and opts for a meal at the Pigot.

We popped in on a Saturday night – a warm night so it was busy outside, in the rear garden and spacious seating area at the front. As we had our grandson Oscar with us we opted to eat inside. A bit too hot for him outside.

We'd booked for three adults and one baby, my husband, Tony, and daughter Amy, her husband, as a DJ, was off on a trance gig so she opted for a meal with us instead. Good choice – her words not mine! But three adults became four after a call from her best friend to ask if she could join us, she is pregnant and not really eating – morning, in fact, all day sickness – but was still drawn by the lure of the Pigot,

We have eaten there over the years when it was, if I am honest, a bit hit and miss but since general manager Stacey Wallace took over around four years ago the only way has been up.

Good food, friendly, spacious and great service. What more can I say? We upped the numbers from three to four adults at the last minute – no problem, we asked for a table with plenty of room for the 'hopefully sleeping' baby in the buggy – no problem. Nothing was too much trouble.

My daughter Amy, and her best friend Amy, to avoid confusion we have nicknamed her Gertie, shared the calamari starter and were impressed and my husband tucked in too, while I went for the whitebait. Nice, and generous portions.

Then on to the mains and Gertie, still looking a bit green, went for the fish and chips as she dare not risk anything too spicy. It went down very well and I am glad to say stayed down!

Our Amy opted for the lamb shank while my husband, being healthy, opted for the superfood salad with chicken and bacon, one of his favourites, and I went for the highly recommended pasta dish with chicken. Lovely.

By then pretty full but I can never resist something sweet so we went for the selection of mini puds and all tucked in. Lovely night for all.

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Band

The show, at Pattingham Village Hall Performances will be at 7.30pm on the nights of November 21-23 changing to 2.30pm on November 24..

Mike Coope, organiser, said: "There will be the usual slapstick scene, this being in the village dairy, together with loads of panto jokes and topical humour with audience participation, together with a live band accompanying all the songs."

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Call 01902 701136.

Willow's boxing clever with her name – all 27 of them

SOME people think having a double-barrelled name is hard enough to remember – but just try having 27 of them. For one 10-year-old Wolverhampton schoolgirl that is the reality.

Willow Taylor-Brown, for short, is named after every gloved heavyweight boxing champion up to the year of 1974.

Boxing greats Muhammed Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Sonny Liston and Rocky Marciano all feature in the young girl's 25 middle names.

Perton Middle School pupil Willow, who recently celebrated her 10th birthday said it would take her a couple of years to learn her full name.

It is Willow Sullivan Corbett Fitzsimmons Jefferies Hart Burns Johnson Willard Dempsey Tunney Schmeling Sharkey Carnera Baer Braddock Louis Charles Walcott Marciano Patterson Johansson Liston Clay Frazier Fareman Taylor-Brown.

The tradition was started by the family back in 1974, when Willow's mother Maria was given the names by her parents Brian and Sue. Willow's boxing-mad grandfather Brian Brown was renowned for travelling

By Luke Bartlett

abroad to get his boxing fix – watching fights all across the globe.

Maria, aged 44, from Perton, said: "My dad used to take a couple of planes to see a fight regularly. He has been to a few countries to see fights, he is a big boxing fan."

The tradition doesn't stop with Willow or her mother either – Maria's other daughter, 11-year-old Autumn, also sports the same middle names. The naming tradition is something that has kept the family in the spotlight for years – from Maria ending up in the 1975 Guinness World Book of Records to Autumn being on Japanese television.

"I feel blessed, it is a unique thing to have," Maria said. "

Willow Taylor Brown from Perton who has 26 middle names, all heavyweight boxers, with mum Maria

Nursery to have stylish opening day

A CELEBRITY hairdresser is officially opening a new pre-school nursery.

Royston Blythe, who has looked after celebrities including Katy Perry, Antonio Banderes, Mickey Rourke, Katie Price and Black Country comedian Doreen Tipton, will be visiting Berrington Lodge Nursery on October 30 at 2pm.

The nursery, in Tettenhall Road, which currently has eight children aged up to five on its books, was opened by qualified teacher Nicki Harris and partner Robert Llewellyn on September 3.

Royston, who has one of his salons in The Swan Centre, Bridgnorth Road, Compton, also appears in TV show The Real Housewives of Cheshire on ITVBe. He has also worked with GMTV, Sky One, OK!, Tatler, Hello, Vogue, Cosmopolitan, and Marie Claire.

Club return for 1960s singer

SINGER-SONGWRITER Andy Fairweather Low is making a return visit to a local club.

The former Amen Corner singer will be in action at the Robin 2 in Bilston on March 2.

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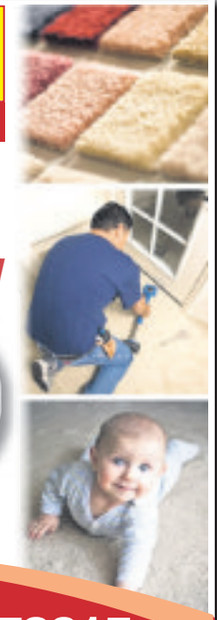

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Weekend of top DJ and leading MC

Multi-million selling producer, artist and DJ, Sigala has announced a huge UK tour will celebrate the release of debut album Brighter Days by headlining at Birmingham's O2 Institute tomorrow night (Friday).

With the record featuring no less than six top 10 singles, fans will get the chance to witness an artist at the top of his game who has achieved so much success, yet remains unusually low key.

"I've made it my mission to stay behind the scenes and let the music do its thing while I live a normal life," he said.

"I've never once been noticed on the street, only at a Sigala concert, obviously. I'm a normal guy with a pretty normal upbringing and I like my privacy."

Then on Saturday, across the city at the O2 Academy, American rapper Rick Ross will aim to live up to his one-time MTV tag as the hottest MC on the scene.

He released his debut single, Hustlin' in 2006, then became the subject of a bidding war, receiving offers from Diddy's Bad Boy Entertainment and Irv Gotti's Murder Inc, before signing a multi-million dollar deal with Jay Z's Def Jam Records.

His first two albums, Port Of Miami and Trilla, both topped the US chart and a decade ago he founded the record label Maybach Music Group, on which he has released six studio albums with the most recent being Rather You Than Me last year.

Sir Cliff Richard returns with a new album and tour

Cliff back on stage

Few entertainers have enjoyed a career as remarkable as Sir Cliff Richard's.

The evergreen singer has released 103 albums, 123 singles and has spent the equivalent of 20 years in the UK charts. It all began 60 years ago with the hit single Move It.

He was voted Britain's Ultimate Pop Star and will be celebrating his 60th anniversary in the music business on Saturday at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, with his tour 58–18=60th Tour.

The show comes 25 years after his first visit to Symphony Hall and it will be Sir Cliff's fifth performance at the event.

Sir Cliff has a number of celebrity fans and BBC Radio 2's Ken Bruce has described him as a one-off: "To sustain any career for 60 years is amazing. To do it in the field of music is rare indeed and Cliff has achieved it with style and quality throughout."

Sir Cliff is simply happy to still be around: "I am so happy that I will be doing a tour to celebrate my 60th Anniversary in the music business.

"I cannot believe it is already 10 years since my 50th Anniversary in 2008 – so much has happened, and I'm very grateful that fans have kept me busy. I am truly delighted to be performing the 58-18=60 Tour . . . I simply can't wait.

"When I started I was 17 and so in those days, the thought of being 60 – well, I don't think we thought we'd reach the age of 60 let alone still be recording."

The tour marks his return after 'years of hell' caused by false sex abuse claims and coincides with his new record, Rise Up, recorded in Miami

Festive fun as trio follow star to Brum

Hugh Dennis, star of Outnumbered, Not Going Out and Mock The Week, stars in new festive comedy The Messiah, which is at Birmingham Rep from tonight (Thursday) until October 27, before it heads to London for a West End run.

It also stars opera singer Lesley Garrett and Coventry-born comedy actor John Marquez, best known for his role as PC Joe Penhale in hit ITV series, Doc Martin.

The action centres on a travelling theatre troupe of two actors and a singer who aim to masterfully enact the greatest story ever told. Maurice Rose, played by Dennis, is joined by the alarmingly unpredictable Ronald Bream RAC (Marquez), and the distinguished diva Mrs Doreen Small (Garrett), in a Christmas comedy created by Patrick Barlow, who is also directing, previously had a major West End hit with his affectionate revamp of The 39 Steps.

Dennis agreed to star because of his friendship with Barlow, saying: "Patrick is a very funny man. A very, very funny man. The Messiah is a kind of rewritten revival of a show he did with Jim Broadbent in 1983. I loved the script and I honestly think it's just great. It's about two middle aged men who are putting on a nativity play, and a lot of it's also about angst and loss and midlife crisis. It's a funny piece.

"It's a good team though and Lesley is great. She's lovely. She's very up for it. There's a lot of physical stuff in it. We all have to pretend to be riding camels."

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Singer and pianist Tom Odell

Friends and neighbours inspire Tom's new songs

Fans will be showing Another Love for Tom Odell when his tour stops off at the O2 Academy in Birmingham on Sunday, where he can introduce his new album Jubilee Road.

It is the 27-year-old singer-songwriter's third album. Packed with grandstanding melodies, Jubilee Road intertwines stories of the time Tom spent living in a house in a terraced street in East London.

Choosing to fictionalise the address to preserve his former neighbours' privacy, the listener is drawn into affecting real-life dramas, from gamblers in the betting shop (Queen Of Diamonds) to the bitter-sweet celebration of Wedding Day.

Tom said: "The lyrics are inspired by the lives of the friends I made while living there. I recorded most of the songs in the living room of the house.

"If I listen back closely, I can still hear the sound of the old man's television shows coming through the walls from next door, kids from the house opposite playing football in the street and my girlfriend's footsteps on the wooden floorboards."

Story every time from Hootie star

Multi-platinum artist Darius Rucker first found fame as the lead singer and rhythm guitarist of rock band Hootie & the Blowfish but has since re-introduced himself to the world as a country singer, with massive success in America.

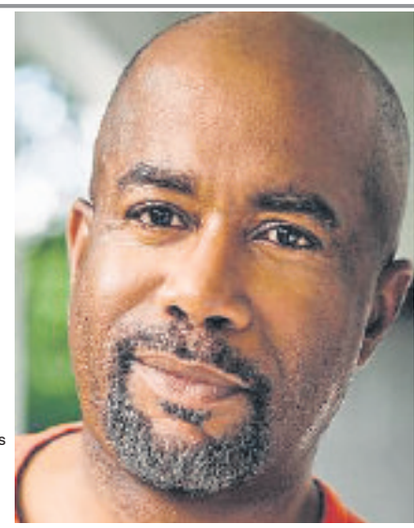
He has released four consecutive albums to top the Billboard Country albums chart and has attracted a whole new legion of fans.

The singer and songwriter from South Carolina will play a rare UK solo gig at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Sunday and the show has already sold out.

Darius said: "As a kid, I was into Al Green, Gladys Knight and the Pips but as I got older I started listening to all sorts of music, including country. Whenever I sing any of those genres, I'm singing about what the music makes me feel. Now, when I write country songs, there's a difference because a country audience wants a story every time."

In 2014 Rucker won his third Grammy award for best solo country performance for his four times platinum selling cover of Old Crow Medicine Show's Wagon Wheel off his album, True Believers.

Rucker's first two country albums, Learn To Live and Charleston, SC 1966 produced five no1 hits stateside including Come Back Song, This, Alright, It Won't Be Like This For Long and Don't Think I Don't Think About It. Fourth album Southern Style features country chart-topper Homegrown Honey, and his latest album is When Was The Last Time.



Darius Rucker

Bleak and brutal but Editors fans still smiling

Birmingham rockers Editors will return for a home city headline concert when they line-up at the O2 Academy tomorrow (Friday) in support of their new album Violence. Frontman Tom Smith has used the word 'brutal' to describe the album.

Editors are six albums into their career, having broken through in 2005 with The Back Room before topping the chart with their second and third albums, An End Has A Start and In This Light And On This Evening. They have undergone a number of line-up changes, most notably with the departure in 2012 of guitarist Chris Urbanowicz, but Tom says they still find ways to reinvent themselves.

"When you're doing something creative, if you feel like you're repeating yourself, that's the enemy If you feel like you're just rehashing old ideas, it gets stale. It's the complete opposite of what being creative should be.

"People often comment on the darkness or bleakness. But for the people that like the band, there are chinks of light and hope in these songs. Maybe our shows are group therapy sessions but people aren't crying, there's a lot of smiles."

Brush shoulders with stars at Club Tropicana

X Factor winner and star of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcast, Joe McElderry, will lead the cast in new 1980s musical Club Tropicana, which arrives on tour at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next year.

Packed with pop classics including Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Take On Me, Just Can't Get Enough and The Look of Love, the feel-good show will celebrate the age when hair was big, shoulders were padded and mobile phones were like bricks.

Joining Joe will be Neil McDermott (Ryan Malloy in EastEnders), Kate Robbins (from TV's Dinnerladies), and former Sugababe Amelle Berrabah making her musical theatre debut.

It is set at the Club Tropicana Hotel – the 1980s answer to Love Island – where the drinks are free and everyone seeks a tan-tastic time. When a bride and groom get cold feet, they each decide to jet off to sunnier climes to ponder their prospective nuptials but end up at the same hotel. Tickets are on sale for Club Tropicana The Musical at grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling the box office on 01902 429212.

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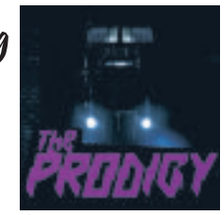

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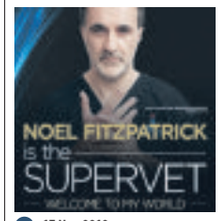

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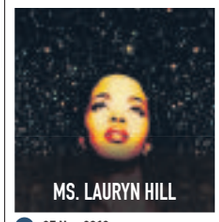

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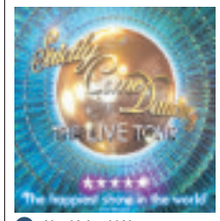

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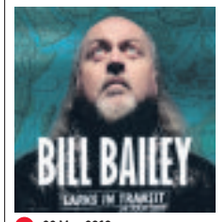

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Blue Peter: Big 60th Birthday (BBC2, 4.30pm)

Sixty years on from the programme's very first episode, past presenters return to celebrate the show's history. Lindsey Russell attempts to fly a hot air balloon in the Arctic Circle, Radzi Chinyanganya boards an aircraft carrier to create a massive birthday message and the presenters give Ed Sheeran a very special surprise. Plus, music by Jonas Blue, HRVY, the Vamps and Sophie Ellis-Bextor.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Youth Olympics Highlights. Action from the multi-sports competition in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.25** Invictus Games 2018.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous sitcom actors take part in the general knowledge quiz, in which they try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. The contestants are Nerys Hughes, Victor McGuire, Shobu Kapoor, Abdullah Afzal, Guy Siner, Sue Hodge, Perry Benson and Jake Canuso.

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present week five of the dancing competition, with the 12 remaining couples taking to the floor to impress the judges and the viewers at home. Bruno Tonioli takes a break from the panel this week, so Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell and Craig Revel Horwood are joined by Alfonso Ribeiro, star of The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and 2014 winner of the show's US counterpart Dancing with the Stars.

8.35 Casualty. Ciara wakes up on the floor surrounded by smashed glass, and Joel insists on taking her to the ED. Once alone, Ciara apologises to Dylan for the awkwardness of the situation, but as she is discharged she collapses and admits it could be her liver. With the nursing team understaffed, Charlie has to call Duffy in – even though she has recently undertaken a night shift.

9.25 Killing Eve. A female assassin is taken into custody in Russia, and Eve and Carolyn head out to Moscow to negotiate access.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents the latest Premier League highlights, including Chelsea v Manchester United at Stamford Bridge.

12.00 The NFL Show. **12.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Top Class. (R) **7.15** All Over the Place: Europe. (R) **7.45** Wild & Weird. **8.00** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **8.30** Got What It Takes? **9.00** Elephant Diaries. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** Talk to the Animals. (R) **11.00** Empire of the Desert Ants: Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **12.30** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. **1.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.30** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) **2.50** Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. (R) **3.50** John Noakes: TV Hero. (R) **4.30** Blue Peter: Big 60th Birthday. (R) **5.30** A House Through Time. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in problems. Classic comedy with the Home Guard, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

7.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon explores Cyprus, Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, going on patrol with UN peacekeepers, discovering the roots of Christianity and crossing the world's most heavily fortified borders. (R)

8.00 Elizabeth I's Secret Agents. Documentary examining the network of spymasters and secret agents that helped protect Elizabeth I from assassination, terror and treason for more than 40 years. (R)

9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us". The rise of a new generation of black film-makers in the 1990s, as well as the emergence of movie stars like Eddie Murphy, Will Smith and Denzel Washington.

10.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig hosts an extended version of the quiz in which points are awarded for interesting answers, with Aisling Bea, Lee Mack, Jason Manford and Alan Davies.

10.45 Snowfall. Franklin's dealers have been straying into a rival Mexican gang's territory, and Kevin is not satisfied with his failure to strike back against his new rivals.

11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland. Paul Weller performs a track from his recent album True Meanings and there are also performances by Sigrid, Jacob Banks, Villagers and Joe Bonamassa.

12.35 Film: Half of a Yellow Sun. (2013) **2.20** Trust. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: ToonMarty. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Robozuna. **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** The X Factor. (R) **12.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** ITV Racing Live from Ascot. Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of British Champions Day, headlined by the 3.15 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. Plus, races at 1.25, 2.00, 2.40, 3.50 and 4.30. **5.00** ITV News; Weather. **5.10** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.25** You've Been Framed! Gold. (R) **5.55 Film:** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1. (2010) The teenage wizard and his friends search for the magical artefacts that will allow them to destroy the evil Voldemort. Fantasy adventure, with Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes.

8.25 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the first of the live shows. The remaining 16 acts will perform to impress judges Simon Cowell, Louis Tomlinson, Robbie Williams and Ayda Williams – as well as the viewing public at home. This year, Simon will be coaching the Girls, Louis has the Boys, Robbie will take on the Groups and Ayda has the Overs.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined in the famous green room by guests Eric Idle, Katherine Jenkins, Nish Kumar and Chris O'Dowd.

11.35 ITV News; Weather.

11.55 Play to the Whistle. Alan Shearer, James Anderson and Jimmy Carr join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh for the sports-based comedy panel show, hosted by Holly Willoughby. (R)

12.55 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** Long Lost Family. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell try to reunite a mother and daughter after almost 50 years apart, and help a father-of-three from Kilmarnock track down his estranged Croatian dad. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Mobil 1: The Grid. **6.40** Yorkshire Marathon. **7.05** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.30** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** Heineken Champions Cup Rugby: The Big Tackle. **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Live Heineken Champions Cup Rugby. Munster v Gloucester (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.10** Car SOS. (R) **4.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** The People's Vet. **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Tom Clarkson presents coverage from the 18th round of the season at Circuit of the Americas in Texas, as drivers conclude their preparations ahead of the qualifying session.

8.30 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the qualifying session (Start-time 10.00pm), as the drivers contest starting grid positions at Circuit of the Americas in Texas, ahead of the 18th round of the season. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton continued his dominance of this event last year, qualifying on pole position and winning the race ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel. Steve Jones presents, with analysis from David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan.

11.35 Film: Insidious: Chapter 3. (2015) A gifted psychic uses her powers to contact the dead to help a girl who has been targeted by a supernatural entity. Horror prequel, starring Dermot Mulroney and Stefanie Scott.

1.25 Experimental. Tim Shaw builds a giant catapult to fire Buddy out of and a propelled swivel chair. The duo also head to Georgia to carry out a dangerous stunt testing the science of acceleration. (R) **2.20** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Goldie offers to help Jesse plan a party for Glenn's birthday now he is out of hospital, and Grace finally puts her plan into action to manipulate Jay into killing Glenn. (R) **4.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. A couple plan to build a retirement home in the tree canopy on the island of Waiheke, but the land they have purchased for the project proves hard to reach. (R) **5.25** Buy It Now. Tim showcases a tool to minimise the clean-up after DIY, James has an innovative product for the wine cabinet and Kay and Johanna have homemade gifts for kids. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Dogs Make you Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) **11.00** The Wonderful World of Puppies. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.55 Film:** Big Daddy. (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **3.55** Access. **4.00 Film:** Big Daddy. (1999) Concluded. **4.50** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.50** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R)

6.35 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: Final Demand. Documentary giving an insight into cash-strapped Britain from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments, including High Court enforcement bailiffs and repossession teams. The series follows each case as it unfolds, recording the thoughts and feelings on both sides, the process of repossession and the impact it has on all involved. (R)

7.35 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Sheriff Paul Bohill tackles the case of a small debt owed by ex-footballer Neil "Razor" Ruddock to a kennel owner, before being forced to evict a school dinner lady in south London. Meanwhile, in the north of England enforcement agent Stewart MacCracken heads out with trainee Iain Taylor to confront a Yorkshire builder they need to get payment from at his home, while a reptile shop owner hit by online competitors urgently needs to pay a debt for the feed company he relies on to keep his animals alive. (R)

8.30 5 News Weekend.

8.35 Film: Beaches. (1988) Brash child performer CC and rich girl Hillary become unlikely friends when they first meet at 11 years old. Years later they are still close, but Hillary, who is now a successful lawyer, is stricken with a terminal illness. CC goes to visit her and together they reflect on the highs and lows of their long, volatile relationship. Drama, starring Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey, John Heard and Mayim Bialik.

9.35 5 News Update.

9.40 Film: Beaches. (1988) Concluded.

11.05 Bette Midler: By Her Friends. (R)

12.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **2.50 Film:** Eat Pray Love. (2010) **5.00** Access.

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly **8.00** Life Story **9.00** 54 Hours: The Gladbeck Hostage Crisis **10.30** There She Goes **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1986 **11.30** Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy **12.30 Film:** Hello Quo (2012) **1.50** Natural World: Beavers Behaving Badly **2.50** The Culture Show: Wars of the Heart **3.20** Close

ITV2

11.45 Film: License to Wed (2007) **12.45** FYI Daily **12.50 Film:** License to Wed (2007) **1.30** The X Factor **2.35 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **4.40 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **6.55 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

2.40 A Touch of Frost **4.55** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Inspector Morse **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.40 Pawn Stars **12.35** The Big Fish Off **1.40** The Motorbike Show **2.45 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **4.55 Film:** Chisum (1970) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Chisum (1970) **7.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Unknown (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Unknown (2011) **11.15 Film:** Se7en (1995) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20 Film:** Se7en (1995) **1.50** The Americans **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 The Great British Bake Off **2.20 Film:** Rio 2 (2014) **4.20** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** X-Men: First Class (2011) **11.35** Gogglebox **1.40** Celebs Go Dating **4.30** Don't Tell the Bride **5.25** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) **12.50** Mirror Mirror (2012) **3.00** Dr Dolittle (1998) **4.45** Sister Act (1992) **6.50** Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993) **9.00** Shooter (2007) **11.25** Chain Reaction (1996) **1.30** American Mary (2012) **3.40** Close

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The Cry (BBC1, 9pm)
Joanna and Alistair try to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the tragic events, but they cannot avoid drifting further and further apart. An unexpected delivery brings long-buried memories flooding back for Joanna, but the revelation calls everything they thought they knew into question as the truth about their child's disappearance finally emerges. Jenna Coleman, Ewen Leslie, Asher Keddie, Alex Dimitriades, Sophie Kennedy Clark, Markella Kavenagh and Shareena Clanton star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.40** Points of View. **2.55** Songs of Praise. **3.30** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.30** Invictus Games 2018. **5.30** BBC News. **5.45** Regional Programme. **5.55** Countryfile.

6.55 Doctor Who. The Doctor and her companions meet black civil rights campaigner Rosa Parks in 1950s Alabama, and discover a plot to change the course of history. Guest starring Vinette Robinson.

7.45 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman introduce last night's results, and two more couples face a dance off. With guest judge Alfonso Ribeiro and a performance from Paloma Faith.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville starts making his own sausages, Gastric turns his mini into a self-driving car, and Eric and Cyril take up rock climbing – but Kath insists they do their training at home.

9.00 The Cry. Joanna and Alistair drift further apart as they try to rebuild their lives, while an unexpected delivery brings back long-buried memories that change everything. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring highlights of the one game of the day - Everton v Crystal Palace at Goodison Park. The Toffees recruited manager Marco Silva this summer after a disappointing 2017/18 campaign, and spent £35m to prise Brazilian forward Richarlison away from Watford, but their early-season form has been inconsistent. Crystal Palace, meanwhile, will have once again been hoping for a moment of magic from winger Wilfried Zaha.

11.15 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

11.50 The Apprentice. (R)

12.50 The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.30** Sweets Made Simple. (R) **1.00** Honey Badgers: Masters of Mayhem – Natural World. (R) **2.00** NFL Live. Los Angeles Chargers v Tennessee Titans (Kick-off 2.30pm).

5.45 Radio 1 Teen Awards 2018.

7.00 The Real T. Rex with Chris Packham. Chris Packham embarks on a global journey to discover the truth about the Tyrannosaurus rex, which has endured centuries of scientific inaccuracy and Hollywood misrepresentation. The naturalist uses new studies into dinosaur skin, teeth and muscles, as well as groundbreaking insights into its behaviour to create the most accurate CGI representation of the dinosaur ever produced. To help, Chris speaks to experts in birds, biomechanics and alligators, and has access to one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons in existence. (R)

8.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon travels through Libya, visiting areas of the country devastated by recent fighting, and discovers a mountain fortress in Tunisia before crossing the sea to Sicily.

9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York City. Howard represents a man accused of murdering children, but Marie and Lena both have misgivings about him taking on such a high profile and controversial case.

9.45 Louis Theroux: Talking to Anorexia. The reporter meets patients at two of London's largest eating disorder facilities, following them through a daily routine of scheduled eating, weigh-ins and group therapy. (R)

10.45 Live at the Apollo. Dane Baptiste presents stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo in west London, introducing sets by Desiree Burch and Chris McCausland. (R)

11.30 Film: 10 Rillington Place. (1971) Fact-based thriller telling the story of murderous landlord John Christie. Starring Richard Attenborough and John Hurt.

1.20 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.20** Holby City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Robozuna. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **9.55** Love Your Home and Garden. (R) **10.50** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **11.20** Countrywise. (R) **11.50** The Big Audition. (R) **12.45** ITV News; Weather. **12.55** The X Factor. (R) **3.05** Back to Mine. **3.30** Celebrity Catchphrase. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as four celebrity contestants Andi Osho, Mark Ramprakash, Alex Beresford and Jane Moore pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 The X Factor. The live shows continue, with the 16 acts selected to go through performing to impress judges Simon Cowell, Louis Tomlinson, Robbie Williams and Ayda Williams.

9.00 Butterfly. Maxine attempts to mutilate herself, convincing her parents that she must be allowed to live as a girl. However, her grandmother is appalled by the development.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Weather from Hell: Caught on Camera. Documentary looking at extreme weather, including footage of honeymooning Brits caught up in a major storm, and firefighters faced with a freak weather phenomenon. (R)

11.15 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road Trip. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix travel across France in search of ingredients for an oyster festival. (R)

12.15 Strangers. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motorsport: Caterham. **6.35** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Jamie Cooks Italy. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00 Film:** Rango. (2011) Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **3.10** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.25** Grand Designs. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News.

6.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Build Up. Steve Jones, David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan provide all the context and intrigue ahead of the 18th race of the season.

6.40 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live. Steve Jones presents coverage of the 18th race of the season (Start-time 7.10pm), held at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Lewis Hamilton has dominated this race over the years, winning five of the six Grands Prix to be held in Texas, as well as emerging victorious from the last-ever F1 race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway back in 2007. With analysis by David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan.

9.15 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Reaction. Steve Jones, David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan analyse this evening's race, which served as the 18th round of the season.

10.15 Film: R.I.P.D. (2013) A cop killed in the line of duty is recruited by a ghostly police force assigned to battle evil spirits. Fantasy adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds and Jeff Bridges.

12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Gordon Ramsay clashes with the owner of Le Bistro in Florida. (R) **1.05** The Last Leg. Comic review of the past seven days. (R) **2.00** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. Including an interview with the week's eliminated baker. (R) **2.55** Inside Out Homes. Zac Monro replaces a mock Surrey mansion with a high performance prefab house. (R) **3.50** Homes by the Sea. Charlie Luxton visits some of Britain's best coastal properties. (R) **4.50** Grand Designs New Zealand. A composer builds a home with a recording studio and performance stage. Last in the series. **5.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.50** Countdown. Clive Anderson is in Dictionary Corner. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **8.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.35** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.50** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.00** SimplyHealth Great South Run. **12.00** Friends. (R) **12.30** Friends. (R) **1.00** Friends. (R) **1.30** Friends. (R) **2.00** Friends. (R) **2.30** Friends. (R) **3.00** Friends. (R) **3.30** Friends. (R) **4.00** Friends. (R) **4.25** Friends. (R) **4.55 Film:** The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **5.55** 5 News Update.

6.00 Film: The Goonies. (1985) Concluded.

7.00 Britain's Favourite Biscuit. Celebrities including Sally Lindsay and Joe Swash reveal their verdict on the best biscuit before the results of a top 20 survey of the nation's favourite is revealed. There is also opportunity to see what copes best in a cuppa as cookies are put through their paces in the dunk test. (R)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. Both teams are under pressure as they face one of the shortest seasons on record. Art has to fight to get back on the road after crashing into a snowbank.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Pharaoh in the Suburb: Uncovered. The story of how fragments of a 36-foot ancient statue depicting the pharaoh Psamtik where discovered in a working class suburb of Cairo. Psamtik's 54-year reign from 664BC had been previously dismissed as a period of decline for Egypt, but the high quality of this statue has led to a reassessment of his rule. The programme reveals how he defended his country from two invasions and may have had a cultural influence on the ancient Greeks.

10.00 Big Brother.

11.35 TV's Funniest Ever Sketches: Comedy Gold. (R)

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7: 48 Hour Meltdown. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways **8.00** James May's Cars of the People **9.00** Royal Opera House: Lessons in Love and Violence **10.35** Feud: Bette and Joan **12.20** Art of France **1.20** Cornwall's Native Poet: Charles Causley **2.20** James May's Cars of the People **3.20** Close

ITV2
12.05 Celebrity Catchphrase **1.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.15 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **4.10 Film:** Casper (1995) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15 Film:** Casper (1995) **6.10 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.50** The Weekender: Boat Party **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.25 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.20 Film:** Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) **5.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.20 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **1.35** Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans **2.25** Road to Avonlea **4.10** Murder, She Wrote **5.00** Judge Judy **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
12.40 Film: The Alamo (1960) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **3.55 Film:** Chisum (1970) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Chisum (1970) **6.10** Made in Britain **7.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **9.00 Film:** RoboCop (1987) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** RoboCop (1987) **11.10 Film:** Total Recall (1990) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Total Recall (1990) **1.25** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
1.25 The Big Bang Theory **4.50 Film:** Father of the Bride (1991) **6.55 Film:** Home Alone (1990) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Club Rep Wars **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** First Dates **1.05** Celebs Go Dating **2.10** Club Rep Wars **3.05** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Master of the World (1961) **1.05** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **2.45** Turner & Hooch (1989) **4.50** Carry On Regardless (1961) **6.35** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) **9.00** Escape Plan (2013) **11.15** Lovelace (2013)

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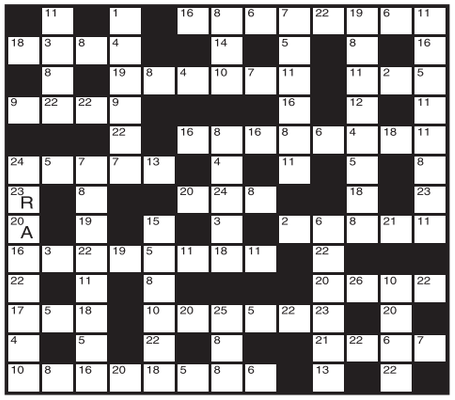

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

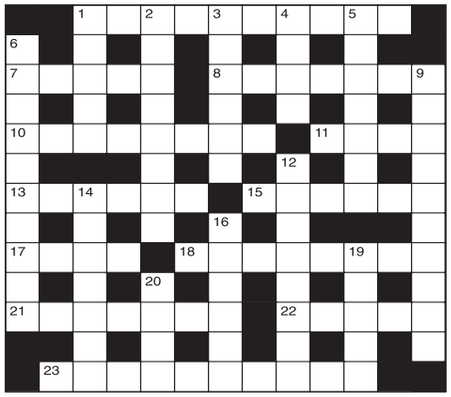
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. An entertaining job for a girl who likes travel (3-7)
7. To be paid nothing to fly (5)
8. Crooked dealing straightened out (7)
10. Put on grave attire? (8)
11. Unchanging instruction written in haste to printers (4)
13. Cry of the shrike (6)
15. It stands still and marks time (6)
17. Cut off a weed (4)
18. Postal packet that goes overseas (4-4)
21. He saves various changes (7)
22. Determined to fight (3-2)
23. Woman who has no-one to mow her lawn? (5,5)

Down

1. Somehow raise a sign on high (5)
2. A dredger to be considered (8)
3. Pop a question that's somewhat obscure (6)
4. A child of two (4)
5. Private study (7)
6. Solemn character becomes less reckless on a fateful day (10)
9. The tide at noon makes a noise (10)
12. Carefully examined any leads broken (8)
14. Make a successful come-back as an upholsterer? (7)
16. It's in one's bones to spoil a fight (6)
19. A sign that your car's not working? (2,3)
20. Fiddlesticks! (4)



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7. Redden (5)
8. Confound (7)
10. Shy (8)
11. Measure (4)
13. In words (6)
15. Most certain (6)
17. Chief (4)
18. Keep (8)
21. Learned (7)
22. Deduce (5)
23. Plague (10)

Down

1. Teems (5)
2. Airy (8)
3. Transgressor (6)
4. Not any (4)
5. Allay (7)
6. Shorten (10)
9. True love (10)
12. Interrogate (8)
14. Hermit (7)
16. Trial (6)
19. Plunder (5)
20. Inventory (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC – Across: 6 Stilton; 7 Robot; 9 Pod; 10 Red Indian; 12 Fingerprint; 15 Joined issue; 17 In arrears; 19 Bee; 21 Henna; 22 Epitaph. Down: 1 Stool; 2 Eli; 3 Dome; 4 Wonderful; 5 Hosanna; 8 Fibres; 11 Signorina; 13 Gadget; 14 Bouncer; 16 Tempo; 18 Ripe; 20 Sty.
QUICK – Across: 6 Liberal; 7 Quail; 9 Cow; 10 Stretcher; 12 Deliverance; 15 Story-teller; 17 Provender; 19 Dry; 21 Death; 22 Asperse. Down: 1 Pilot; 2 Bet; 3 Vast; 4 Purchaser; 5 Licence; 8 Reveal; 11 Depravity; 13 Intent; 14 Started; 16 Gross; 18 Else; 20 Wet.

Quiz

1. In Greek mythology, who was rejected by Narcissus and pined away, leaving only her voice?
2. Edda is the name given to two collections of early literature from which country?
3. What is a jota?
4. What is the smallest territorial subdivision in Christian church administration?
5. With whom did Lord Alfred Douglas have a scandalous affair?
6. Who manufactured a typewriter and a rifle that bear his name?
7. Which animal's head did the Egyptian goddess Sekhmet have?
8. On which lake is the port of Milwaukee?
9. What is commemorated in the Jewish festival of Purim?
10. Who were voted Best British group at the 2002 Brit Awards?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Brazilian; 2 Afghanistan; 3 The Star Chamber; 4 Jim Dale; 5 Pronouns; 6 Orang-utan; 7 Brigitte Bardot; 8 Pressure; 9 Androcles; 10 Bass Strait.

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Stunning two-bed property has been tastefully restyled

Having been professionally renovated throughout, 4 York Crescent in Finchfield, Wolverhampton, has been tastefully restyled, including new carpets, flooring and neutral decor.

Having certified electrics and a new gas central heating system and boiler, it also has a brand new luxury open plan breakfast kitchen with a range of appliances, and a re-fitted bathroom with a stylish white suite.

It is for sale through Thomas Harvey at £359,950 with no chain.

The stunning accommodation also includes a 20ft living room, a utility and cloakroom/WC, and there are landscaped mature surrounding gardens with an enclosed orchard.

The home is ideal for buyers seeking a quality bungalow, ready to move into.

It is situated in a choice select cul-de-sac position in one of the most favoured locations of Wolverhampton and within easy walking distance of Bantock Park.

Deceptive externally, viewing of the interior is essential to appreciate the surprisingly spacious living accommodation which is stylishly appointed throughout incorporating many features.

In full, the accommodation now includes a reception porch, entrance hall, 20ft living room, bathroom with new superior modern suite and two double bedrooms.

A feature of the property is certainly the good size open plan dining kitchen which has been fitted with a luxury suite of units and a range of built-in appliances. Adjacent is a useful utility room with a fitted cloakroom/WC.

As the loft is extremely spacious, tremendous potential exists to create a loft conversion to provide further bedroom and bathroom accommodation (subject to planning permission).

FINCHFIELD £359,950

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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KEY FEATURES

- Detached bungalow
- Professionally renovated
- 2 bedrooms
- Private cul-de-sac
- New carpets/flooring/neutral decor

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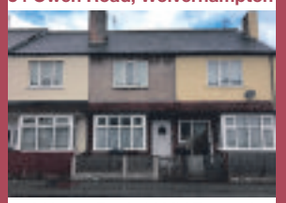
A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £28,000 - £33,000 (plus fees)

54 Owen Road, Wolverhampton



A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £14,000 - £19,000 (plus fees)

72 Napier Road, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £10,000 - £15,000 (plus fees)

12 Genge Avenue, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Semi Detached Property

Guide Price* : £29,000 - £34,000 (plus fees)

49 Aspen Way, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold End Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £19,000 - £24,000 (plus fees)

54 Kimberley Street, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : in excess of £25,000 (plus fees)

76 Hilston Avenue, Penn, Wolverhampton,

A Vacant Freehold Detached Property

Guide Price* : in excess of £50,000 (plus fees)

36 Upper Villiers Street, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £19,000 - £24,000 (plus fees)

646 Parkfield Road, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : £64,000 - £68,000 (plus fees)

549 Parkfield Road, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

Guide Price* : in excess of £5,000 (plus fees)

12 Elgin Court, Perton, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Leasehold Studio Flat

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9 Larcombe Drive, Wolverhampton

A Vacant Freehold Semi Detached Property

Guide Price* : in excess of £50,000 (plus fees)

43 Daley Road, Bilston

A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

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39 Littleton Road, Willenhall

A Vacant Freehold Semi Detached Property

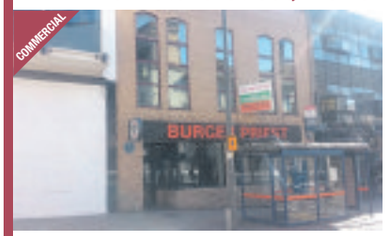
Guide Price* : £39,000 - £44,000 (plus fees)

The Old Pump House, Wood Lane, Wolverhampton

A Freehold Pump House and Three Garages

Guide Price* : Nil Reserve (plus fees)

10 Victoria Street, Wolverhampton



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THREE RIDINGS, RADFORD LANE, LOWER PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

£710,000

Occupying a good size plot on Radford Lane and enjoying views over Farmland at rear, this imposing detached property has been restyled by the present owners with no expense spared to create a most impressive high standard of luxury accommodation, ideal as a family house. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this most individual property!

Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Dining Room * Sitting Room * Living Room * Brand New Open Plan Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances with archway to Double Glazed Conservatory * Utility * First Floor Galleried Landing * Four Double Bedrooms * Master Ensuite Shower Room * Family Bathroom * Concealed Staircase to Second Floor Bedroom * Double Garage * Good Size Driveway * Mature Good Size Rear Garden with Secret Garden at Rear * EPC D

4 YORK CRESCENT, FINCHFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON

£359,950

A professionally renovated detached bungalow tastefully restyled with neutral décor throughout and incorporating a host of superior features and a number of high quality fittings throughout with no expense spared. Situated in a choice select cul-de-sac position in one of the most favoured locations of Wolverhampton.

Porch * Entrance Hall * 20ft Living Room * Two Double Bedrooms * Refitted Luxury Bathroom * New Feature Open Plan Dining Kitchen with built in appliances * Separate Utility * Fitted Cloakroom * Tandem Garage * Landscaped Surrounding Gardens with Enclosed Rear Garden, Mature Front Gardens & Separate Enclosed Orchard at side * New Gas Central Heating with boiler 5year Warranty * Double Glazing * New Carpets & Flooring * No Upward Chain * EPC D

OAK COTTAGE, 5 OAKS CRESCENT, CHAPEL ASH, WOLVERHAMPTON,

£285,000

Within easy access of the city centre and the amenities therein and occupying a pleasant position in an established residential area this deceptive detached property is a superb example of a spacious family residence.

Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Front Dining Room * Rear Living Room * Breakfast Kitchen * Utility * First Floor Landing * Five Double Bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite * Garage with Useful Hobbies Room at Rear * Enclosed Rear Garden * Off Road Parking * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

17 UPPER STREET, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£225,000

Occupying a favoured position in a popular location within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village and the amenities therein, this deceptive end terraced property represents an excellent opportunity. The surprisingly spacious accommodation includes:

Front Living Room * Inner Hall with stairs to Basement * Dining Room with stairs to First Floor * L-Shaped Kitchen with matching suite of units * Rear Utility Area * Fitted Cloakroom * First Floor Landing with Walk in Cloaks/ Laundry cupboard * Master Bedroom with built in mirrored wardrobes * Spacious Family Bathroom * Second Floor Bedroom * Good Size Enclosed Rear Garden * Gated Enclosed Courtyard with Detached Double Garage & Off Road Parking * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

14 GREEN ACRES, COVEN, WOLVERHAMPTON

£189,950

Situated in a pleasant cul de sac on an established development in a popular location most convenient for easy walking distance of St Paul's First School, this modern semi-detached property is ideally situated within easy access for the motorway and for commuting to principal towns.

Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Living Room with York Style Fireplace * Dining Room * Kitchen with Matching Suite of Units * Garage * Utility * First Floor Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom with White Suite * Enclosed Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

22 YEW TREE LANE, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£650,000

Occupying a choice position in a favoured residential area this individually designed substantial detached bungalow provides extremely spacious and versatile living accommodation with a host of impressive features. Internal inspection is highly recommended to appreciate this excellent example of its type.

Reception Porch * Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Sitting Room * L-Shaped Living Room * Dining Room * Good Size Double Glazed Conservatory * Breakfast Kitchen * Inner Hall * Utility * Inner Hall * Three Double Bedrooms * Master Ensuite * Family Bathroom * Double Glazed Conservatory * Enclosed Landscaped Rear Garden * Gated Good Size Driveway to Double Width Garage * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC D

6 WESTLAND ROAD, COMPTON, WOLVERHAMPTON

£309,950

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for schools and shops and within easy access of the city centre, this individually designed detached property is ideal for purchasers requiring a good size family house to restyle to own requirements.

Reception Porch * Open Entrance Hall with Cloaks Recess * Fitted Cloakroom * Front Sitting Dining Room * Rear Living Room * Open Plan Dining Kitchen * First Floor Landing * Four Bedrooms * Bathroom with modern white suite * Second Floor with Bedroom Five & Second Bathroom * Gated Driveway & Detached Garage * Mature Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * No Upward Chain * EPC Rating E

3 BENTLEY DRIVE, CODSALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£269,950

Occupying a corner position in a small select cul-de-sac adjacent to Codsall Village and therefore within easy walking distance of the local amenities, this deceptive detached bungalow provides surprising generous and versatile living accommodation. Convenient for the majority of amenities including schools, shops and with Codsall Train station within walking distance, this superb bungalow is a fine example of its type.

L-Shaped Entrance Hall with Cloaks Cupboard * Two Bedrooms * Modern Bathroom * Good Size Living Room * Separate Dining Room/ Occasional Bedroom * Smart Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units * Double Glazed Conservatory * Utility * Landscaped Surrounding Gardens * Detached Garage * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

18 ALAMEDA GARDENS, TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON

£225,000

Occupying a choice position on a small exclusive development this attractive two story townhouse has been designed to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space and providing excellent family accommodation.

Open Plan Reception Hall & Fitted Kitchen with a matching suite of units * Utility/ Cloakroom * Living Room with adjoining Dining Room * First Floor Landing * Two Double Bedrooms * Family Bathroom * Staircase to Second Floor * Master Bedroom & Ensuite * Enclosed Rear Garden * Garage converted into Office/ Hobbies Room * Gated Off Road Parking * Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed * EPC Rating

208 HORDERN ROAD, WHITEMORE REANS, WOLVERHAMPTON

£175,000

Situated in an established residential area convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this deceptive detached property provides excellent accommodation as a family house.

Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Front Living Room * Open Plan Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units * Spacious Double Glazed Conservatory * Access to Garage with Cloakroom Facilities * First Floor Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom * Paved Driveway with Carport * Mainly Paved Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

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Detached house is in pleasant cul-de-sac

ALBRIGHTON
£429,950

A very attractive detached residence in a pleasant cul-de-sac setting, 9 Long Croft Albrighton, Wolverhampton, comes with five generous bedrooms.

It is for sale through Bartlams estate agents at £429,950.

It also has a fitted cloakroom off entrance hall, a large lounge (approx 225 sq.ft) with a marble fireplace, a separate dining room (approx 165 sq.ft), a breakfast kitchen, an adjoining laundry. Add to this a family bathroom plus an additional independent fully fitted shower room, plus a store/office, gas-fired central heating, double glazed windows, a garage, parking and a landscaped garden.

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Simply fantastic re-styled and re-modernised home available

WESTCROFT
£300,000 <<<

Connells' Wolverhampton are offering for sale a fantastic and showhome-styled re-modernised traditional detached home in Cannock Road, Westcroft.

Situated in an ever popular area, this impressive and stylish family home has been redesigned and re-styled by its current owners.

It is now for sale through Connells Estate Agents at offers over £300,000.

Externally there is ample cobbled off-road parking to the front and a pleasant enclosed landscaped rear garden.

Internally there is an entrance hall, a lounge, a breakfast/dining room, an office/utility and an outstanding extended re-fitted kitchen to the rear. The first floor has a selection of three bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom.

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OFFERS AROUND £325,000

WOODFIELD HEIGHTS, TETTENHALL
An attractive extended detached property, built to a highly popular design, occupying a really lovely, unique & private position with excellent green outlook; hall, W.C, impressive lounge, extended dining/sitting room, extended breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, GFWAH, UPVCDG, double garage block, long gated driveway, gardens to front side & rear. NO CHAIN (E/40)
OFFERS AROUND £299,950

BHYLLS LANE, MERRY HILL
An extensively extended & attractive semi detached house offering generously proportioned & well planned family living space, handily placed for a good range of amenities & schooling: porch, hall, 26ft1in living room, UPVCDG conservatory, comprehensive breakfast kitchen, 4 good bedrooms, bathroom, additional washroom/W.C, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature gardens, garage & driveway.(F/36)
OFFERS AROUND £279,950

GRENDON GARDENS, MERRY HILL
A most impressive detached family home of generous proportions, occupying a most desirable private position at the end of a sought after cul de sac; inviting hall, ground floor bathroom, 2 excellent living rooms, fitted kitchen, brick built conservatory, 4 bedrooms, shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, garage, carport, extensive block paved driveway, lovely landscaped rear garden. (D/60)
OFFERS AROUND £285,000

LINTON ROAD, PENN
A superb semi detached property having been substantially extended & improved upon to create an excellent standard of delightfully versatile family living space: hall, lounge, impressive 23ft living room, comprehensive kitchen, 18ft1in utility room, W.C, 3 double bedrooms, luxury bathroom, further shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, block drive, garage, lovely mature garden. (E/50)
OFFERS AROUND £265,000

COPPICE ROAD, FINCHFIELD
A highly attractive detached property of great character, occupying an imposing corner position on this sought after road with gardens on 3 elevations: inviting hall, W.C, 2 charming living rooms with feature fireplaces, country style kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 1st floor double bedrooms, GFCH, detached garage, gravelled driveway, delightfully mature gardens, NO CHAIN (F/33)
OFFERS AROUND £249,950

THE SPINNEY, FINCHFIELD
A delightful link-detached property having been substantially extended & improved upon to create an excellent standard of versatile living space, pleasently situated in a convenient cul-de-sac position: hall, 2 impressive living rooms, comprehensive 15' x 11'9" kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, luxury shower room, UPVCDG, GFCH, imprinted drive, garage, lovely mature garden. (E/53)
OFFERS AROUND £249,950

WIGHTWICK COURT, WIGHTWICK
An exceptional lower ground floor apartment, forming part of this highly regarded development, residing in magnificent matured grounds, offering superbly spacious & tastefully appointed living space: hall, impressive living room with dining area, rear porch with enviable garden access, well equipped kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, ERH, UPVCDG windows, garage. (E/49)
OFFERS AROUND £189,950

WARSTONES ROAD, PENN
A substantially extended semi detached property offering particularly well proportioned family living accommodation, convenient of amenities & good schooling: 14ft2in hall, 20ft living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, side hallway, utility room, 3 bedrooms (2 double), bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, attached garage, mature 70ft westerly garden. NO CHAIN (E/52)
OFFERS AROUND £189,950

CYGNET CLOSE, COMPTON
An exceptionally spacious first floor life style apartment, forming part of this exclusive development, residing at the heart of this excellent well served Village: secured access, inviting hall, excellent 18'4" living room, well equipped breakfast kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, en suite & dual access bathroom, DG, GFCH, integral 26'4"garage. NO CHAIN (C/70)
OFFERS AROUND £179,950

SPRINGHILL LANE, PENN
An attractive semi detached property offering well proportioned family living space, occupying a pleasant corner plot, convenient for amenities & the city: hall, 2 living rooms, fitted kitchen, verandah/workshop, 3 bedrooms (2 double), refitted bathroom, UPVCDG, GFCH, mature gardens on 3 elevations, parking to rear. (D/57)
OFFERS AROUND £174,950

CHELMARSH AVENUE, CASTLECROFT
A particularly well presented & substantially extended semi detached property offering an impressive standard of versatile family living space, handily placed for amenities & excellent schooling: hall, 2 excellent living rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room, W.C, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, maj UPVCDG, GFCH, large drive, mature gardens on 3 elevations. (TBA)
OFFERS AROUND £159,950

WOODFIELD HEIGHTS, TETTENHALL
LEASE UPGRADE A well presented & maintained ground floor apartment residing within this sought after development, providing spacious & highly versatile space & close to Tettenhall village: hall, impressive living room, well equipped kitchen, inner hall, 2 generous double bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, GFWAH, UPVCDG, attractive communal grounds & parking, garage. NO CHAIN (E/53)
OFFERS AROUND £134,950

LEA BANK, FINCHFIELD
A modern first floor apartment, enjoying pleasant open aspect views front & rear, provides an excellent standard of spacious & comfortable living accommodation; secured communal entry, spacious 19ft living room, fitted 12ft9in kitchen, inner hall, 2 double bedrooms, shower room, GFCH, UPVCDG, attractive communal gardens, convenient location, sought after development. NO CHAIN (D/66)
OFFERS AROUND £139,950

WHITE OAK DRIVE, FINCHFIELD
A substantial & well presented first floor duplex apartment, interestingly structured over 2 floors, offering a good standard of surprisingly spacious & comfortable living accommodation: hall, 21ft3in living room, front balcony, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, UPVCDG, communal rear garden, storage room, convenient location. NO CHAIN (E/47)
OFFERS AROUND £110,000

MERRIDALE COURT, MERRIDALE
A substantial 2nd floor apartment with lovely southerly outlook to rear, offering comfortable living space, well served by amenities & the picturesque Bantock Park; hall with good storage, inner hall, 16'6" living room with balcony, 12'1" breakfast kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, large boarded loft, GFCH, UPVCDG, communal gardens/parking. NO CHAIN (D/67)
OFFERS AROUND £99,950

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Detached home is situated in popular residential area

GOLDTHORN
£295,000 <<<

New to the property market, this three-bedroomed detached bungalow in Hornby Road, Goldthorn, Wolverhampton is for sale through Connells estate agents at £295,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge being 21ft 7inches long, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a family bathroom, off road parking, front and rear gardens and a garage.

Externally the property benefits from off road parking to front with a well presented rear garden and garage. It is situated in a popular residential area with field rear access, conveniently located for Wolverhampton and Dudley, Goldthorn Park.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing to see if this is the ideal home for you, contact Connells on 01902 710170.

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Pendene Court, 253 Penn Road

One Bedroom luxury retirement apartment which has just been reburbished to a very high standard, with new Bathroom comprising a walk in shower and luxury fittings. Newly refurbished Kitchen with new integrated appliances. Fully redecorated with new carpets, electric fire,light fittings etc.

This superb, generously sized, privately owned apartment is situated in quiet, extensive, mature gardens which are maintained weekly and all other outside maintenence is included too, along with a house manager, 24 hour emergency call system, laundry room, residents lounge for socialising and a guest suite for family visits. Must be viewed to appreciate the size and extent of the fittings.

Offers around £129,000 • Ring to view Brian 07971 279249

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AUCTION - 25TH OCTOBER 2018

'CLENT VIEW,' 32 ROCK STREET, UPPER GORNAL, DY3 2BL

Impressive Period Detached, spacious accommodation, 2 Reception, Cellar, 3 Bedrooms, Full Refurbishment Required Coach House with 2 upper rooms, large Grounds - possible development potential (STPP) Epc: F.28

Guide £170,000 / £180,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 19th & 20th OCTOBER @ 10.00 a.m.

28 JEFFREY AVENUE, PARKFIELDS, WV4 6HU

Cul-de-sac location, large Semi., Hall 2 Reception, Conservatory, Kitchen, WC., Workshop, 3 Bedrooms, large Bathroom, off-road Parking, Rear Garden. Epc: D.64

Guide: £107,000 / £112,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 19th & 20th OCTOBER @ 11.00 a.m.

22 MARLBROOK DRIVE, GOLDTHORN HILL, WV4 5AU

Large corner site, Modern Detached + Annexe. Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, 2 Reception, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Annexe offering Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, spacious Lobby, Bathroom, Double Garage, ample off-road Parking, large Rear Garden. Epc: D.58

Guide £220,000 / £230,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19th & 20th OCTOBER @ 11.45 a.m.

16 PARK AVENUE, GOLDTHORN PARK, WV4 5AL

Established location, Detached Bungalow ripe for refurbishment. Large driveway, Porch, Hall, 2 Reception, Sun Lounge, Kitchen area, 2 Double Bedrooms, Garage, wide Rear Garden. Epc: G.11

Guide £175,000 / £185,000

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27 MALCOLM COURT + GARAGE, off LOWER VAUXHALL, WV1 4SS

First Floor Flat - easy access to shops & City Centre. Hall, Store, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Shower Room. Garage No. 7. Epc: D.68

Guide: £19,000 / £24,000

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26 SHOWELL ROAD, BUSHBURY, WV10 9LT

End Terrace in convenient location - ready for refurbishment. Majority Double Glazing, CH system, 2 Reception, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, (90ft. approx.) Rear Garden Epc: E.49

Guide: £29,000 / £34,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 19th & 20th OCTOBER @ 12.00 noon

38 SABRINA ROAD, WIGHTWICK, WV6 8BP

Prime residential area, large Detached, Hall, 3 Reception, spacious 20ft Kitchen,Utility, Study, WC., 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom + additional Bathroom / shower area, Garage, generous Rear Garden. Epc: E.47

Guide £395,000 / £415,000.

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Three bed property in an exclusive area

ASH HILL
£439,950

Occupying a choice position in one of the most desirable areas of Wolverhampton, Ash Hill Cottage, 7 The Burrow, Ash Hill, Wolverhampton, is a three double-bedroomed property in an exclusive private road.

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Magnificent home is beautifully presented

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£299,950 <<<

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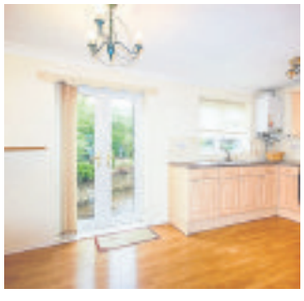

Three bedroom property is an ideal home for a family

WOLVERHAMPTON £210,000 <<<

Situated in a leafy area on the edge of popular Perton, 7 Edge Hill Drive, Wolverhampton, is an ideal family home.

It is for sale through Rees Page estate agents at £210,000 with no chain. Having majority double glazing and central heating, fixtures and fittings are included. With offers invited for consideration, viewing is recommended. It has a canopy entrance porch, a reception hall, a living room, a kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and a wet room.

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Detached family home enjoys lovely views

LITTLE ONN £649,950

Set in around two acres including a paddock, Home Farm House at Little Onn is for sale through Thomas Harvey Estate Agents of Wolverhampton now at £649,950.

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LOT 1

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- In need of refurbishment
- Located in popular position
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (58)

GUIDE PRICE £65,000+

LOT 2

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4JP

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- EPC rating C (74)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000+

LOT 3

117 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive three bedroomed detached house
- Located in popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (43)

GUIDE PRICE £110,000+

LOT 4

118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive double fronted 4 bedroom detached house
- In popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- EPC rating E (52)

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LOT 5

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE REAR OF 117-118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

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GUIDE PRCE £80,000+

LOT 6

12 CENTRAL AVENUE,

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Standing on larger corner plot
- Gas central heating
- Producing £6,760 P.A
- EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

163 - 165 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, BURNTWOOD, WS7 3XL

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

LOT 7

- Detached property arranged as four self contained flats
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New

WOLVERHAMPTON, Laburnum Road, Ettingshall Park

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New

COSELEY, Salcombe Grove

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Offers in the region of £160,000

Wolverhampton, Penn Road, Pendene Court

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Kia hatch gets a new high-spec trim

The all-new Kia Ceed 'GT-Line' takes design cues from the higher-powered Ceed GT model revealed earlier this month, and will go on-sale across Europe during the first quarter of 2019.

Strengthening the appeal of Kia's new mid-size family car range, the new Ceed 'GT-Line' is available on every variant of the new Ceed, including the five-door hatchback and Ceed Sportswagon. The new shooting brake bodystyle of the ProCeed is sold as standard in 'GT-Line' specification. Drawing inspiration from Kia's new high-powered Ceed and ProCeed GT models, all three 'GT-Line' models offers a high level of versatility, turbocharged engines and engaging handling, topped with a sporty new look inside and out.

The Ceed 'GT-Line' is available with a choice of powertrains: Kia's 1.0-litre and 1.4-litre T-GDi (Turbocharged Gasoline Direct injection) engines, or Kia's 1.6-litre 'Smartstream' CRDi (Common-Rail Direct injection) diesel engine. The downsized range of powertrains contribute to the car's agile handling characteristics.

The Ceed 'GT-Line's exterior introduces a range of distinct GT-inspired design features. These include a satin chrome and gloss black 'tiger-nose' grille surround, unique 17-inch or 18-inch 'GT-Line' alloy wheels, and newly designed front and rear bumpers which echo those of the Ceed and ProCeed GT. The fog lamp surround also incorporates horizontal metallic 'blades', similar to those found on the new GT models and the Kia Stinger. The range of Ceed 'GT-Line' models is available in a choice of 10 paint finishes.

Inside, Ceed 'GT-Line' models distinguish themselves with a series of changes designed to introduce a sportier ambience to the cabin. The grey roof lining of the Ceed and Ceed Sportswagon is replaced with black cloth to cocoon occupants, and the door sills feature metallic scuff plates. 'GT-Line' models are fitted with a sporty D-shaped steering wheel as standard, and – for models equipped with Kia's double-clutch transmission – drivers can change gear with metallic steering wheel paddles.

There are newly designed rear bumpers

The Ceed 'GT-Line' is fitted with new sports seats for front passengers. The 'GT-Line' front seats feature larger side bolsters than those found in conventional Ceed models and are trimmed in black cloth and light grey synthetic leather. Sports seats with the same supportive structure as the Ceed and ProCeed GT will be available, with the larger side and thigh bolsters from the higher-powered models in the line-up. These seats are finished in black leather and suede with grey stitching and piping. Models trimmed in full leather upholstery are available with heated and ventilated front seats and heated rear seats.

'GT-Line' models are available with a choice of turbocharged engines from the conventional Ceed model range. These include Kia's lightweight three-cylinder 1.0-litre T-GDi engine, producing 120 ps and 172 Nm of torque. The 1.4-litre 'Kappa' T-GDi is also available, with power and torque outputs of 140 ps and 242 Nm , respectively. The Ceed 'GT-Line' is also available with Kia's all-new 'Smartstream' 1.6-litre CRDi diesel engine, available with a choice of two power outputs – 115 or 136 ps – in Ceed and Ceed Sportswagon models. The ProCeed 'GT-Line' offers drivers the higher-powered of the two engines. Every engine is paired with a six-speed manual transmission, while 1.4-litre T-GDi and 1.6-litre CRDi engines are available with Kia's seven-speed double-clutch transmission.

The Ceed 'GT-Line's exterior introduces a range of distinct GT-inspired design features

The Ceed 'GT-Line' offers drivers a wide array of comfort, convenience and safety technologies. This includes the standard 'floating' infotainment system, available as either a 7.0-inch touchscreen audio system or 8.0-inch touchscreen satellite navigation system with navigation and Kia Connected Services powered by TomTom®. The system enables full smartphone integration with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™.

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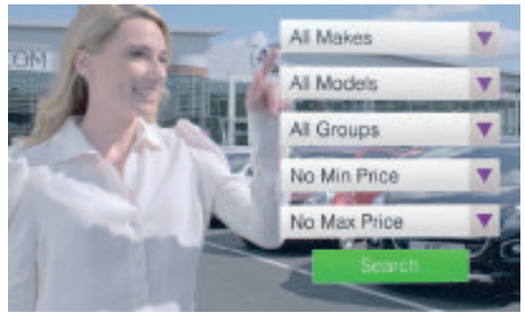

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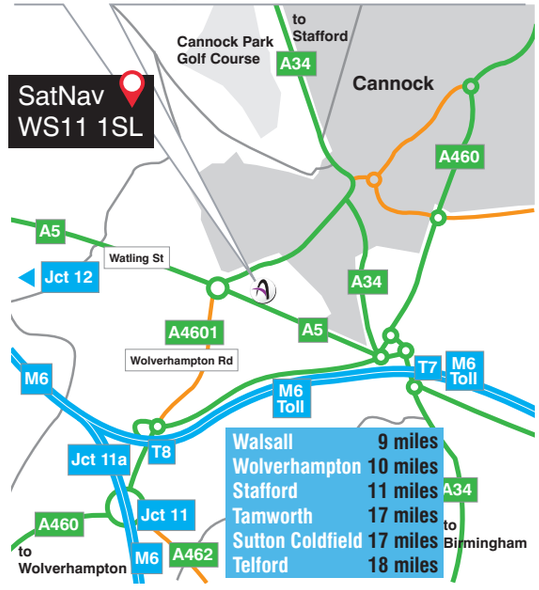

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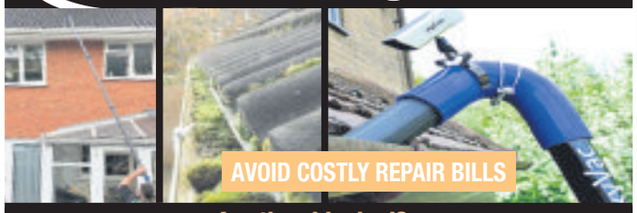

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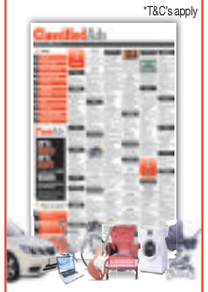

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Naturally, he has come across many different characters during his time – some will be more than happy to listen to his advice, others are just desperate to be out on the pitch.

"Some had low morale and some needed an arm around the shoulder," he said.

Grumbling

"They weren't all as keen as mustard to play if they had a little niggle. And if a player's not happy you may as well leave him out, because he's going to be grumbling and moaning and using it as an excuse.

"Some always wanted to play. Others are not bothered if it takes another week or two."

Blackwell's mantra is 'keeping the show on the road' and that sometimes means compromises have to be made.

Giving an insight into what the role entails, he said: "The physiotherapist is part of the backroom team.

"At our level, this is using a squad of players of about 16 to 18. A difficult equation and one that doesn't work a great deal of the time.

"There are always at least two long-term injuries who are definitely out of the next game, and a string of running repairs who will play but have to be nursed from training until the last minute.

"Add to that suspensions, simple illness, and you can see that a good deal of juggling goes on.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

"No matter how much the techniques, facilities, budgets and the nuts and bolts change, though, you still need the right people to implement these and to motivate the players"

"Against this background, the physiotherapist has to make clinical judgement in the first place and then understand the manager's dilemma and help to keep the show on the road, with pragmatic compromises.

"The long-term injuries are not up for discussion and are accepted as being non-combatant for the moment.

"The short term, grey area injuries – the slight thigh strain, the slight tweaked ankle, the direct kicks and knocks suffered in training – raise the question 'Fit for Saturday?' and that isn't a criticism, just a statement of fact of how it is, and how it has to be.

Advanced

"The club is in the business of playing football matches, fielding teams and hopefully winning."

Blackwell has had the honour of being part of many successful sides, too.

The Southern League Cup, the Southern League Midland Division title and the Northern Premier League play-offs are just a few things he has been involved in winning over his many years.

Technology has advanced drastically in Blackwell's time as a physio – there are so many ways injuries can be treated now, and steps to take to prevent them.

There only used to be one substitute when he started, too but things are very different now with up to five allowed in non league.

But he insists the fundamentals of the role remain the same.

"The more things change the more they stay the same," said Blackwell.

"The progress in surgical procedures have cut down the post- operative physiotherapy dramatically. We have also been helped by advances in surgery, rehabilitation and diagnosis. When I started the only investigation was an x-ray.

"Now we have CT scan, MRI scans, ultrasound scans, and isotype bone scans. Together with surgery advancements, especially to the knee and the anterior cruciate ligament injuries, we have it all.

"No matter how much techniques, facilities, budgets and the nuts and bolts change, though, you still need the right people to implement these and to motivate the players through a sometimes difficult and desperate period in their career."

Slog

In his first 31st year, Blackwood loves the game as much as ever.

He has no plans to call it a day anytime soon and added: "It can be a slog, particularly if things aren't going well.

"Evening training, travelling, playing games going through the range of emotions together can take its toll.

"It can be a 24/7 existence for 10 months of the year. You have to have a certain mindset to deal with it. You become obsessed with the game. I need to be with the team at all times," he added.

"Holidays can only be booked around June time and public holidays, weddings, parties and other social events have to take a back seat. Football is in my blood and it is a way of life."

Stewart to debut at world championship

BILSTON'S Elliot Stewart is set to make his debut at the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Judo Championships in November.

Stewart, son of 1988 Olympic bronze medallist Dennis Stewart, lost most of his sight at the start of 2017 and has only been fighting at international level since August 2017.

However, he has already won bronze medals at the Tashkent and Antalya World Cups.

His brother Max is also a high-level judoka and is looking to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. British Judo performance director Nigel Donohue – who has selected an eight-strong squad – said: "As always, we're excited to take on the best in the world at a major championships.

"The standard of visually-impaired judo is improving year on year but our judoka are showing that they are of the level with some fantastic results in this cycle. There's still a lot of hard work to be done but we're confident the results will come."

BDO champ Durrant set for Grand Slam

GLEN Durrant will return to the Grand Slam of Darts in Wolverhampton next month. The British Darts Organisation (BDO) world champion will be part of the 32-player field at Aldersley Leisure Village this year while the Civic Hall undergoes refurbishment.

He will be joined by former Lakeside champion Scott Michell, who will be making his fourth Grand Slam appearance, and Lakeside Championship runner-up Mark McGeeney, who featured in the 2017 tournament.

Dutchman Wesley Harms will also return to the Grand Slam for the first time in four years, having previously competed on three occasions.

Newly-crowned World Masters champion Adam Smith-Neale will be making his Wolverhampton debut, along with Jim Williams, Gary Robson and Michael Unterbuchner.

It is the only tournament of the year the two main darts organisations come together – with Professional Darts Corporation world champion Rob Cross and world No.1 Michael van Gerwen set to lead the PDC challenge.

Arena on track for top-class athletics

ATHLETICS returns to the Arena Birmingham in 2019 with two prestigious meetings early in the new year.

British Athletics kick off the indoor season with the SPAR British Athletics Indoor Championships on February 9 and 10. As well as deciding who is crowned one of 26 British champions from the schedule of events, the weekend of action will also determine which athletes represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the European Indoor Championships in Glasgow from March 1-3.

A week after the 63rd renewal of the SPAR indoor championships, superstars of track and field headline the Muller Indoor Grand Prix Birmingham, ranked as the best one-day indoor meeting in the world.

Over the years this meeting has seen British stars such as Sir Mo Farah, Dina Asher-Smith and Laura Muir regularly appear alongside the world's very best athletes and 2019's event will see more world-class head-to-heads expected to compete.

Wolves 'way ahead of schedule'

WOLVES great Mel Eves has backed the current crop to 'comfortably' secure a top-half finish in the Premier League.

Nuno Espirito Santo's troops have turned lots of heads as of late – Nuno being named manager of the month for September. And Eves, who was part of the Wolves side which finished sixth in the First Division as well as winning the League Cup in the 1979/80 season, said: "It's just a magical time now.

"I think it's coming back. The owners came with a 10-year plan. The first part of it was to get back into the Premier League in three – and they did it in two. They're ahead of schedule as far as that's concerned and then they said well, why can't we be competing in a few years, in Europe?

"Everything is going well at the moment and I can't see any reason why it can't continue and, probably, comfortably finish in the top 10. People are getting carried away about going better than that – but you never know, they could do.

"At least, I think we'll achieve what we set out to do, which is compete, hold our own, and not be involved at the bottom half of the table.

"I really can't see that. We'd have to go on a horrendous run. The momentum is there. I think the belief is there now – from the owners through to everyone at the club."

Eves – with the club as a player from 1975 until 1984, making more than 200 appearances – was in the team that won the Second Division in 1976/77. They finished 15th on their return to the top tier and then were hugely successful the following campaign.

He has been mightily impressed with how Wolves, who also had wing-back Matt Doherty win the PFA Fans' Premier League Player of the Month, have adjusted to life back at the elite level.

Mel Eves

Tai Woffinden

Tai: Fans on track to hear all about his title No.3

TAI WOFFINDEN will deliver an explosive night with the story of his history-making third World Championship.

The Wolves icon is set for his first unplugged night of chat at the Cleveland Arms on Wednesday, November 21.

Woffy, who recently clinched a record third world title for a Brit in Torun, is renowned for his brutal honesty behind the microphone.

It will be hosted by BT Sport, Sky Sports and Talksport commentator Nigel Pearson, who expects another cracking night of entertainment.

He said: "When we had three events with Tai before the start of the season in Berwick and Halifax, he told the sold-out crowds he would win the World Championship. He's a man of his word!

Exclusive

"Anyone who has attended these nights with Tai will know he doesn't hold back, he wears his heart on his sleeve.This is an exclusive chance to hear him talk about the highs and lows of a record-breaking season. You will hear the stories he doesn't say on TV.

"It will be fascinating to hear his thoughts about the controversial moments of 2018 and, of course, that incredible night in Torun. Tai is pure Hollywood, arguably the greatest asset speedway has ever had for publicity. It is incredible to see what media attention he has generated over the past week.

"It proves that with the right success story and the right personality, speedway is very attractive to the national press.

"It's been a great season for the sport. Some outstanding racing on BT Sport, a Premiership Play-Off that went down to the wire and a history-making third British world title for Woffy. There certainly won't be a dull moment when he gets talking!"

Tickets will be on sale atthe Wolverhampton track shop tonight and are also on sale at: cleveland

Harris to bomb back for Olympique date

WOLVERHAMPTON speedway supremo Chris Van Straaten has hailed legendary British racer Chris 'Bomber' Harris ahead of next Monday's rescheduled NGK Spark Plugs Olympique at Monmore.

Harris was the first rider to confirm his availability for the new date after the original staging was washed out after 24-hours of persistent rain in the area.

And Van Straaten said: "Chris really is a remarkable character and we saw that in the play-offs when he helped Poole to the title.

Chris Harris

Mascot

As soon as I put the new date out there to riders he was first to come back and say yes, he'll be there.

"He's been a great servant to British Speedway, we all remember Cardiff '07 when he won the Grand Prix and he's won things with Coventry down the years – and now Poole!

"His enthusiasm is still amazing and I'm sure he'd love to add the NGK Spark Plugs Olympique to his CV next Monday!"

Van Straaten has also confirmed all mascot and restaurant bookings will remain for next Monday unless the club are told otherwise by diners and parents.

Parrys International Wolves have also agreed a new date for the management talk-in at the Cleveland Arms on Stow Heath Lane, less than a mile from Monmore.

It will now be on Monday November 19 with bosses Van Straaten and Peter Adams reflecting on the sport's AGM.

Boxer Welborn adds to his titles

Kyle Williams, of Wolverhampton, shows off his belts

BOXER Jason Welborn added to his collection of titles as BCB Promotions picked up four of the five main awards at an annual ceremony.

The British middleweight champion was awarded the 'Best Boxer' Award at the annual British Boxing Board of Control Midlands Area Awards Dinner which took place at the Eton Hotel, Birmingham.

Welborn, of Rowley Regis, was rewarded for an exceptional 2018 which saw him win, and then retain, his Lonsdale belt against 'Baggies Bomber' Tommy Langford in two epic tussles.

Accolade

English Bantamweight champion Kyle Williams, of Wolverhampton, walked away with the 'Best Young Boxer' accolade after winning the Midlands Area and English title this calendar year.

Walsall's Rachel Ball claimed the 'Fight of the Year' award for her bloody battle with Eftychia Kathopouli, while Swadlincote fighter Zach Parker was given the 'Performance of the Year' Award for his stunning first round KO win over Luke Blackledge last summer.

Heartbreak as mechanical problems hit title hopes

THE Darley Moor Road Racing Championship again proved to be a successful hunting ground for Black Country and Staffordshire club racers.

The Stars at Darley final round also attracted some of the biggest names in the business with British Superbike racer Richard Cooper sealing two wins at the biggest meeting of the day.

A certain 23-time TT winner, John McGuinness, was also out on his silver Norton around the Derbyshire circuit.

All the championships had to be decided at the final round with 36 points up for grabs in each single across all classes.

Burntwood's Lloyd Shelley – despite missing more than two months with a back injury – won his race to confirm another Formula 600 title.

Anthony Eades and Wolverhampton passenger Keith Box took the Open Sidecar Championship, as, leading by eight points, their nearest rivals failed to finish. There was heartbreak for 15-year-old McCauley Longmore, from Coppice Farm, Willenhall, who saw mechanical problems scupper his title hopes.

Chris Moore was able to lift the Classic 350 Championship when his nearest challenger, Dudley's Mark Cockerton, failed to finish the third lap and ended the season second in the championship.

Wednesbury's Neil Lloyd suffered more technical problems, but finished third in the Formula Darley class race.

Stepping up a gear to win the points

THE Wolverhampton City Netball league saw Stourbridge Jets Black and Sam 3 evenly matched from the off.

Shooters were matching each other goal for goal but then it was Stourbridge who stepped up a gear eventually winning 23-15.

Sapphires were put under a lot of pressure but managed to still take all the five points by beating Sam 2 35-23.

Div 2 Flames and Whitmore X played some impressive netball with both teams having to settle for a draw.

Mac Arrows enjoyed a comfortable win over Sam 6 and Oddessy claimed their third consecutive win beating Ice 21-12 in Division 5.

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Making sure players fit the bill on matchdays

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Hannah thrill over Nuno award handover

Nuno with Hannah

A SCHOOLGIRL has presented Wolves boss Nuno Espírito Santo with his manager of the month award.

Hannah Parker, who attends Moseley Park School in Wolverhampton, received a signed ball and a pair of boots from captain Conor Coady during her visit to the club's Compton Park training ground to present Nuno with his award.

The year seven student said: "The head of my year is going to be really jealous because he's a massive fan of Wolves. He'll probably put me in detention until I give him the boots or show him them!"

Hannah, aged 11, was chosen to hand Nuno the prestigious award after transforming her behaviour while at Lanesfield Primary School in the city.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers Foundation and Premier League Primary Stars programme stepped in to help Hannah and she began attending intervention lessons with Trust coach Scott Langford.

Following her attendance on the initiative, Hannah's development led to her taking roles of responsibility and becoming a role model during her last year at the primary school, including being made a prefect, while she also took time out to help younger pupils with their reading and behaviour.

Wolves face early Boxing Day kick-off

WOLVES fans now face an early trip to London on Boxing Day after five of their games in December and January were moved for live television coverage by Sky Sports.

The visit to Fulham's Craven Cottage has been moved forward to 12.30pm on Boxing Day, although Nuno Espirito Santo will have an extra day to prepare for the clash after their home game against Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool side was moved to 8pm on Friday, December 21.

Wolves's match away at Newcastle United has been changed to 4pm on Sunday, December 9, and their trip to the Etihad Stadium to face champions Manchester City is now at 8pm on Monday, January 14.

Reaction

Five days later they host Leicester City at 12.30pm on Saturday, January 18.All five games will be broadcast live on Sky Sports.

News of an early start on Boxing Day brought a mixed reaction from Wolves fans on twitter.

Ste Whitt said: "Last season an early start for Millwall away this season early start for Fulham away. I'm booking into a London hotel now ready for next year #ChristmasInLondon"

But Pete Kalhan tweeted: "No complaints from me – London based!"

Premier League teams will have one more day's rest in this year's festive period than they had in 2017, but will all still play four games in two weeks.

Pack Is Back with charity goal to help sick children

A NEW Wolves book written by fans could raise more than £10,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The Pack Is Back has been compiled by lifelong fan Steve Plant, who wrote They Wore The Shirt, a history of Wolves' shirts though the years, in 2017, said.

Steve's new book puts together the thoughts and memories of fans who watched Nuno Espirito Santo's win the Championship title last season.

It also includes contributions from Carl Ikeme, Led Zeppelin rock legend Robert Plant, Express & Star Editor Keith Harrison, Wolves managing director Laurie Dalrymple, Wolves fans Jacqui Oatley and Johnny Phillips and captain Conor Coady.

Steve said: "This is arguably one of the most exciting times in our recent history and people are really keen to savour every minute and relive some unforgettable moments, from the nine-man win at Boro and the masterclass against Sheffield United to the last-minute drama at Cardiff and Neves' wonder strike against Derby.

TRAORE: I WILL WORK 100pc

RECORD-SIGNING Adama Traore believes Nuno Espirito Santo will take him to the next level.

The 22-year-old has been impressed with Wolves' head coach since arriving at Wolves for £18 million this summer.

The Spaniard is yet to make his first start in the Premier League in old gold and black colours. But Traore believes he will only get better under Nuno's expert one-to-one coaching.

He said: "I think he is a fantastic manager. He speaks with me a lot, I speak with him, one-to-one, about tactics, what I need to improve on and work on.

"We speak about my good things and how I can explode to produce my maximum I can give on the pitch. We have spoken about my tactics, my quality, about everything in my game.

Tactical

"He doesn't just do this with me, but with everyone, every single player, to get the best out of the team. I think that's very good. I am happy to be here and I will work 100 per cent to get the best out of myself."

Traore has impressed from the bench in his seven Premier League appearances for Wolves – but Nuno believes he has improvements to make.

And the winger agrees, saying he needs to work on his defensive and tactical capabilities on the football pitch.

He said: "I think I need to work on the defensive side of my game, on the tactical side. It's different tactics to where I came from, Middlesbrough, so I need to keep working on that.

"I also need to work on my finishing and on my 'last metres' in front of the goal, so I need to work on a lot of things.

"I need to speak with the manager and the coaches and they say 'yes', but they tell me there are a lot of good things that I'm doing as well. I'm only focusing on being better every day and these things are in my mind."

Adama Traore believes Nuno Espirito Santo will help take him to the next level

Coady stunned by Shearer's plaudits

CONOR COADY says high-flying Wolves are 'fearless' – as he revealed his shock at being backed for an England call-up.

Nuno Espirito Santo's team are seventh in the Premier League after a six-game unbeaten run that's included four victories.

Coady stressed how difficult it had been for Wolves to pick up so many points – and said survival was the only target the squad were setting themselves.

"It's been difficult, believe me," he said. "It's such a tough division but we've got a certain way of playing, a certain style, and it's been one where we've said we're going to stick to it.

Premier League legends Alan Shearer and Ian Wright backed Coady's for an England call-up on Match Of The Day.

Coady has been overlooked so far. He added: "It was fantastic listening to what Alan Shearer said, a big legend like him.

"I was sat at home on the couch watching it – I've watched Match Of The Day all my life so I nearly fell off the couch to be honest!

Goal! Well Bully for you, Helder

HELDER COSTA has followed in Steve Bull's footsteps by scoring on his international debut in Scotland.

The Wolves forward stabbed home a debut goal in the 43rd minute to give Portugal the lead at Hampden Park on the stroke of half-time. Costa is yet to score in the Premier League this season, although he did net in the League Cup victory over Sheffield Wednesday.

Wolves legend Bull scored inside the same stadium on his England debut in May 1989 after coming on as a substitute for the injured John Fashanu.

Portugal went on to complete a comfortable 3-1 victory.

Wolves team-mate Matt Doherty is taking his rise to prominence in his stride after finally making his first start for Ireland. The 26-year-old defender won his fourth senior cap in Saturday's 0-0 Nations League draw with Denmark after manager Martin O'Neill gave him the nod amid a growing clamour for his inclusion.

Doherty was a fixture in the Wolves side which won last season's Championship at a canter, and has played his part in an impressive start to life in the Premier League.

That had led to a groundswell among fans in Ireland supporting his claims for a place in the Republic team, although he is not allowing that to get to him.

He said: "My dad has seen quite a bit because he lives here. I don't actually live here, so I don't see most of the media stuff."

International action for the club athletes

ATHLETES from Wolverhampton & Bilston AC were in international action once again with Jack Pickett backing up his recent win in the Sheepwalks Shocker 10k by travelling to Germany for the Great Berlin 10k. Pickett came home in 27th place overall in a time of 33.34.

A small group travelled to Spain for the Palma Half Marathon with Steve Forsyth coming home in 1.21.56 to take 24th place.

Closer to home a large group took part in the Great Birmingham Run over the 13.1 mile half marathon distance. Andrew Bave was first home for the club in 98th place in 1.24.00.

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